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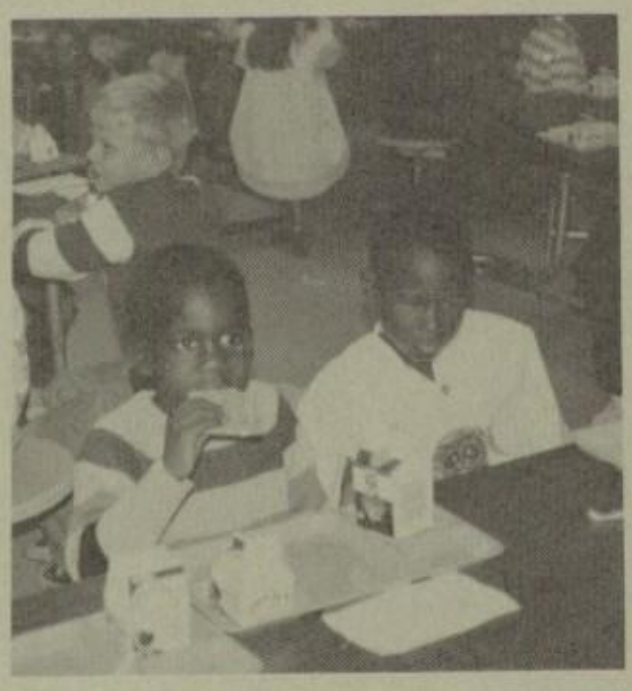

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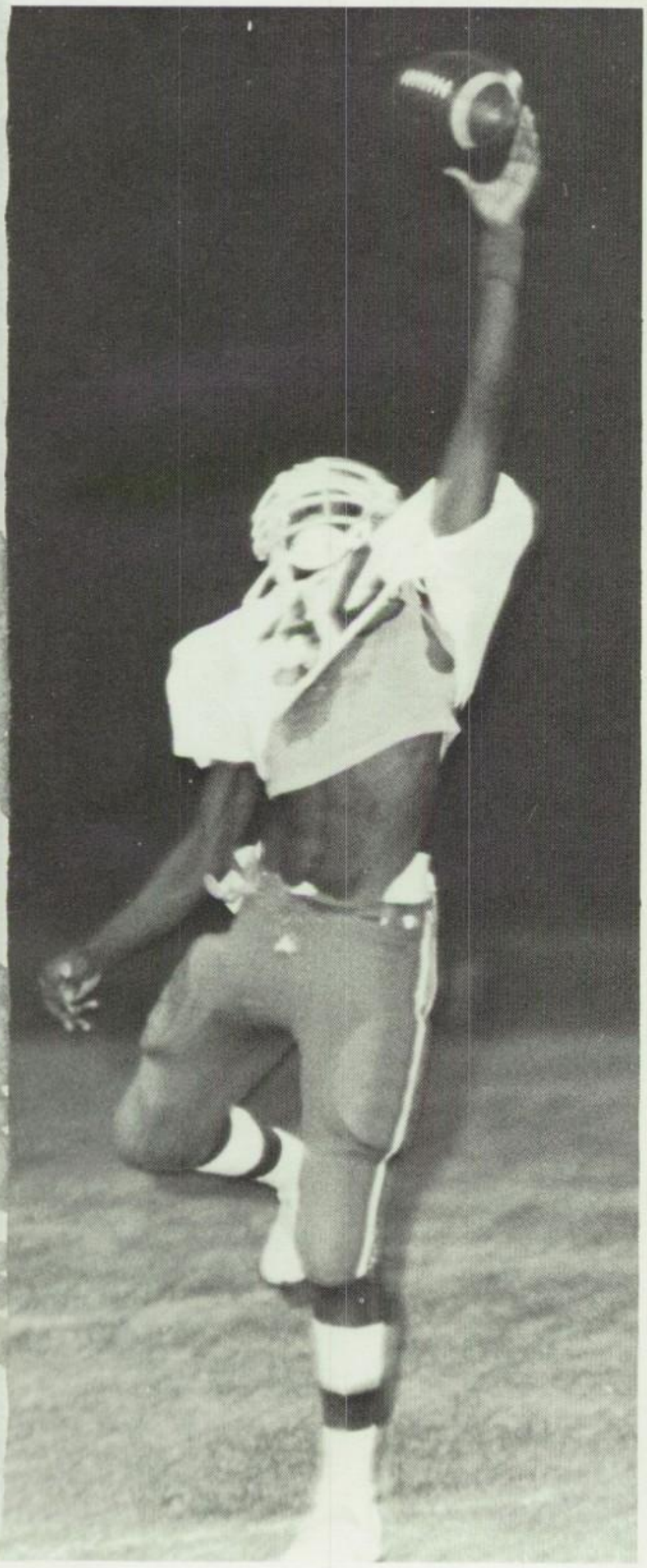

Catch the streak of excitement that flew through the air at Ringgold High School this year faster than this "bomb" of a forward pass that junior Malcolm Wilson is aiming for.

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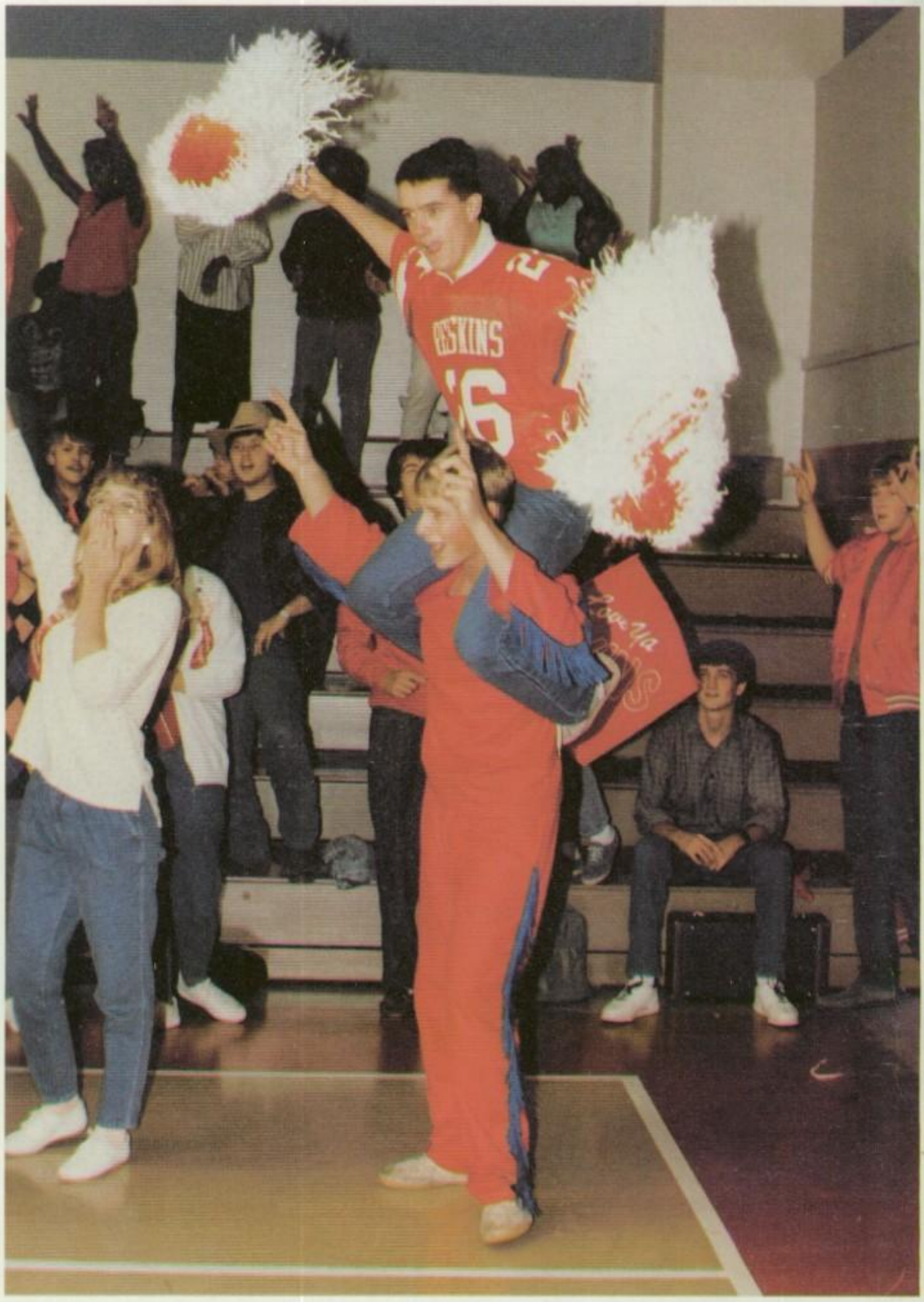
Enthusiasm reigns at the Ringgold vs Arcadia pep rally as seniors Mimi Tingle, Russell Flint, and the piggy-back Ronnie Woodall cheer for those 'skins! Warpaint and feathers means Redskins on the move as senior photographers Bridget Higginbotham and Ginger Giffin stalk the Ringgold vs Arcadia playing field for just the right shot.



With the good also comes the bad as senior Louis Hamilton, unable to play because of an early season injury, supports his team from the sidelines
A spirited senior class make the most of the moment as they cheer the team on during their last high school pep rally. Throughout the season, seniors boosted school spirit to make their last year a truly spirited one.

Unity And Teamwork Put RHS On A . . . treak Of Goodluck!

District Champs! A New Band! Miss Teen Louisiana! Ringgold High School is most definitely on a good luck STREAK!

All of these accomplishments didn't just happen. When the students came back to school they knew it was a time for work, not just play. "I wasn't sure if I wanted to be too involved my senior year, but now that I see the results of my hard work I am glad I did." said senior Curlie Rambo.

The football team understood that pulling together would put them on a good luck STREAK! "I think the reason we have excelled in everything this year is because we have learned to work together!" said senior football player Trent Holman. This new spirit of cooperation brought the team the District 1A Championship for the first time.

The band, like the football team, understood the need for team work. "All we needed to do to regain respect was to take the band seriously and work together." said band member Wayne Bridges. The band realized this with the help of the new band director Mr. Charles Young. Since Mr. Young has been at Ringgold the band has doubled in membership and has greatly improved.

Another example of our good luck STREAK is senior Amy Piestch. Amy won the 1988 Miss Teen Louisiana pageant in Baton Rouge this year. Amy said "It was the support of my friends at Ringgold High School that helped me win the title of Miss Teen Louisiana."

Ringgold students found the unity they always needed, held on to it, and used it to their advantage. When they held on, they put themselves on a good luck STREAK that would not end. "We finally found the key to being the best and that is teamwork. As long as we have that our good luck STREAK will never end!" said senior Brad Sams.

Top left: The red, white, and blue proudly on the move, junior high students Holly Hillier and Tallie Higginbotham step in time along Main Street as the marching band performs in the parish fair parade.
Above: It's a 128 option play-quarterback Allison Oney faking a dive to fullback Melisa Lee who will pitch it out to the halfback-as the cheerleaders get into the spirit of things during the Ringgold vs Arcadia pep rally.
Left: Fired up football players show off their spirit at the Ringgold vs Arcadia pep rally. The heat stayeed with them into the night as they defeated Arcadia by a score of 14-8.

WIth uncertainty written all over his face, Joshua Lloyd wonders what it is his sister, senior Margaret Lloyd, is painting to accompany the football on the other side.

After the glory fades it is time for the clean-up crew to begin. Seniors Jackie Amos and Eva Pisterna help tear down the senior float when the parade is over.

Riggold's imitation "Prince", junior Roderick Llorens, tempts Janita Reliford with the possiblities "If you were my girlfriend."

Student Life

What Do You Do When There's Nothing To Do?

Prison stripes flatter assistant principal Harold Johnson as he serves time in the March of Dimes jail while waiting to be bailed out.

When the year begins, so do the practical jokes. One of the biggest jokers in the school is one of our assistant principals, Mr. Harold Johnson. By the time school gets going it is Halloween and everyone loves to roll yards, especially Mr. Johnson's! But students BEWARE! he has all sorts of strategies for catching yard rollers including dousing them with water! This year was different though, the seniors rolled his yard and got away with it.

Practical jokes are only a few of the many things that students can do when they are not in school. From hunting and fishing to shopping, RHS students do it all.

When we asked students what they liked to do after school these were some of the responses given.

Ben Moss replied, "On the weekend, some friends and I will usually either go to the mall or just go into Ringgold and ride around."

Rene Rasco said, "When I go home I listen to music and talk on the phone."

Louisia Blackburn stated that she just "messes around".

Tina Moore replied that she likes to "play basketball at home".

The activities that RHS students do are as different as the students themselves; so you may see them just messing around or you may find them pulling practical jokes on someone.

In and all-out effort, junior Fredrick Bragggs plays his baritone in the Bienville Parish Fair Parade. The band won third place in the performance category.

We The People . . . PARADE

". . . Was Like A Big Party!"

There was walking, talking, beeping, yelling, laughing, and marching — the Bienville Parish Fair Parade was on its way! This year's parade was one of Ringgold's best and RHS made a large contribution to the effort. The work actually began two weeks before the parade when meetings were called to think of ideas to go along with the parade's theme, "The Bicentennial of the Constitution." Money had to be donated for chicken wire, tissues, glue, and paper for the class floats. The band had to practice marching and the cheerleaders had to work on their dance routine.

The actual work for the floats did not begin until 3 or 4 days prior to parade day. The classes met at their designated working places to begin transforming a trailer into a float. "Working on the float was the best part of the parade," said Leslie Evans, a junior high cheerleader. Slowly the form of a float could be seen taking shape.

Friday was midnight madness night as classes met after the football game to put finishing touches on their floats. "It wasn't like work, it was like a big party," said Barbara Jones, junior.

Finally, Saturday morning arrived. The weather was beautiful, the floats were perfect, the band was in step and the cheerleaders knew their routine by heart. The long-awaited moment had arrived! The participants moved slowly down Main Street, throwing candy to the onlookers.

"The parade was over so fast," commented Allison Wimberly, senior. That may have been true, but it was well worth the effort considering the fun everyone had, and the recognition several received. The seniors won first place with their "We the People" float, and the juniors received third place. In performance, the 4th through 6th-grade twirlers received first place, the junior high cheerleaders received second, and the RHS marching band received third.

Cheers ring out as junior high cheerleaders, Tera Harris, Misti Barbo, and Melissa Pietsch clap their hands and chant a cheer as their Liberty Bell float moves down Main Street.

"Freedom of the Press" personified, freshman Lori Elliott revels in her role on the freshman class float.

Signers of the Constitution are portrayed by juniors, Melissa Salter, Laketcha Johnson, and Jennifer Bass to carry out the bicentennial theme of the fair parade.

Candy flies through the air as seniors Rene Rasco and Rina Giles ride the first place "We the People" senior class float.

Her best foot forward, fifth grade twirler Danielle Nettles presents her routine in front of the parade judges and hopes for the best.

What to you get when you combine creative seniors, cases of toilet paper, chicken wire and several gallons of Elmer's glue . . . ? The award winning senior class float! Ray Hadnot tosses candy along the way.

IT ALL ADDS UP!

A Winning Team

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Supporting Fans

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SPIRIT WEEK

Glittering jewels, satins, lace, and ragged jeans?? Contrast was the name of the game on "Rags to Riches" day — the highlight of this years' Spirit Week! If you had scanned the halls of RHS on Tuesday, you would have seen either extremely "rich snobs" or some "slummy bums" who were really spirited students in disguise for "Rags to Riches" day Carla Kennedy was one of many spirited freshman who chose to dress up like a rich snob, wearing a fur coat, a glamorous dress, and lots of diamond jewelry.

There was also enthusiastic, but mixed, response to "Inside-Out" day. Students enjoyed wearing their clothes with the wrong side out-but found it presented some problems. "It was rough when nature had to take its course!" commented sophomore Greg Hunt.

Other days of spirit week included "Skip" day, "Neat" day, and the traditional "Red-Blue" day. Student Council member Frederick Braggs explained: "We chose these days for the students so it would be much easier for everyone to participate in Spirit Week."

Spirit Week was highlighted by a "Powder Puff" football game. In this version of the sport, the girls played football and the guys did the cheering! Senior Trent Holman was a loud and enthusiastic cheerleader, cheering on those energetic seniors and sophomores who combined to take on the juniors. On the first play of the game junior Margaret Walker intercepted the ball. On the second play, she caught a pass thrown by junior quarterback Tammy Scott and ran it all the way for a touchdown. Juniors lead 6-0! Ably assisted by Coaches Phillip King, Tony Johnson, and Greg Hunt, the juniors kept their opponents scoreless to finish with a 6-0 win. Referees for the game were David Strange and Victor Theus. The junior class racked up yet another victory by taking first place in over-all participation in Spirit Week.

Topping off all of the weeks excitement were the loud and spirited pep rally and the football game. In spite of heated competition, the war-painted senior class shook the rafters with their yells and carried off the spirit stick for the day.

The week came to a fitting conclusion with a 33-0 homecoming game victory over Sarepta — just one more reason we should be proud to shout-in time with the band — "I'm so glad I go to Ringgold High!"

Above: A wild '60's beat from the band impels foot-stomping and arm-waving juniors Candice Westberry and Reba Haynie into action.
Upper right: Banners held high, sophomores yell their loudest in a vain attempt to win the spirit stick at the Spirit Week Pep Rally under the direction of Greg Hunt.

Bottom right: The movement of the spirit propels junior high students clear out of their seats during a high point in the pep rally action.

Loud music and flag-waving fans encourage senior Missy Self to strut her stuff in support of the 'Skins!

On play 14, junior Candice Westberry goes our for a pass with the assistance of her teammates' blocking during practice for the Powder Puff game.

Tags and inseams to the outside, senior Trenia Hill makes a final check as she waits to be counted in the spirit week competition.

Excited fans packed the Ringgold football stadium. It was Homecoming night!!! The tension grew as the game began. GO! GO!! GO!!! was on the minds of many Ringgold fans who cheered as the band played. By half-time we had a commanding lead. Sarepta had not scored a point.

It was half-time! Time for the beautiful girls of the 1987 Homecoming court to take their walk of recognition. The court consisted of: freshman maids, Catina Shaw and Tina Fowler; sophomore maids, Dita Bethune and Reba Tipton; junior maids, Christy Glover and Reba Haynie; senior maids, Trenia Hill and Angela Bass. As the band played a fanfare, the Queens, Janet Brackens and Kristie Byles were escorted across the field.

When the game was over, Ringgold had won with a whopping score of 38 to zip (0). "I'm very proud of them," commented Coach Reeder after the game was over, "we played real well on defense and we are a much improved team."

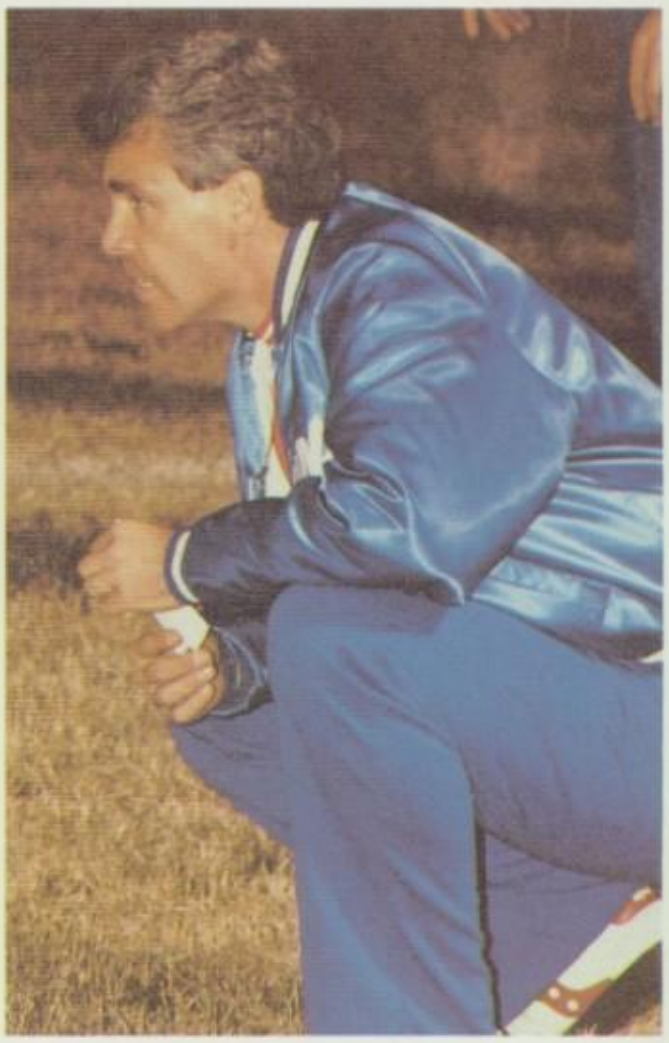
After the game, many of the students went to the Homecoming dance. Music was provided by a live band called "ABSTRACT". "They were loud — very loud." commented sophomore Karen Ratcliff. The floor was filled with students, dancing to the music that was blaring out of the speakers, while pictures were being taken by Mr. and Mrs. Maddox, who have been very helpful to the yearbook staff.

"I'm glad we won; it made the night a whole lot better." replied sophomore Angie Wiggins. Homecoming night was a night to remember!

In joyous celebration of the team's victory, junior Melisa Lee hits the dance floor with her partner, junior Richard Warren. While junior Brian Hulion looks around, his partner, freshman Nicki Taylor dances off in the opposite direction. The rock band "Abstract" provided a loud mucial background for the evenings activities, "The dance was one of the more exotic dances I've ever been to. It was pretty neat!" commented sophomore Michelle LeDoux" "I liked it, it was totally awesome!" replied sophomore Roberta Lemke.

Janet Brackens
Queen
Kristie Byles
Queen
Trenia Hill
Senior Maid
Angela Bass
Senior Maid
Christy Glover
Junior Maid

Red roses, white mums, and blue ribbons compliment the smiles of newly crowned Homecoming Queens Janet Brackens and Kristie Byles.



With clenched jaws and a look of fierce determination, Head Coach David Kidd surveys the action on the field in order to make adjustments in strategy during the next time-out.

Seemingly haloed by the 26-0 halftime score, the band prepares to perform a fanfare to introduce the 1987 Homecoming Court under the direction of Mr. Charles A. Young. In addition to the fanfare the band also performed "Still' and "You are so Beautiful to Me."

Reba Haynie
Junior Maid
Dita Bethune
Sophomore Maid
Reba Tipton
Sophomore Maid
Tina Fowler
Freshman Maid
Catina Shaw
Freshman Maid

THE GREAT CONTROVRSY

Which Is More Fun Hunting Or Shopping?

Dear Governon Roemer:

I'm concerned with the fact that hunting season is closing soon. I can't believe it! It seems like it just opened yesterday. My friends and I believe that something should be done about this. So I have come up with a suggestion. Please extend hunting season by two weeks so that it will give the people who work a chance to hunt more often. Just listen to some of my fellow hunters. Senior Brad Sams said, "The reason I love to hunt and fish so much is so I can see God's handy work and beauty through wildlife." Senior Scott Whiteman also stated "My girlfriend goes shopping a lot, and when she does, I go hunting. I need more time to hunt so I won't have so much time to waste."

Most of the people who hunt like to hunt near their homes or where they were raised. When asked where his favorite spot to hunt or fish was, senior Anthony Hay said, "I like to hunt in Bienville Parish because of the deer population; and I fish where I can. Mr. Mayfield, a teacher at Ringgold High School, replied "I like to hunt and fish where I was raised because I know the land and water area well."

You may wonder if extending the season will hurt the game population. Well, here's a comment on how the game population of Ringgold stands. Jimmy Nelson, a local resident, said "Ringgold is like the center of a wagon wheel. No matter what direction you go in, there is hunting and fishing."

So you can see that the needs of hunters can be met by extending the season. People love to see God's beauty, and through longer hunting seasons, maybe they will get to see more of it.

Signed:
A very concerned hunter

Dear Govenor Roemer:

It has come to our attention that you are planning to expand deer hunting season in Louisiana. As females of voting age we feel you would be making a serious mistake-unless you give the ladies equal time and establish a rigidly structured shopping season.

We feel that this is a necessity because of overcrowding in the shopping malls. These conditions are created by wives and girlfriends who have been deserted during hunting season by men who are off chasing poor little animals in the woods. "I feel neglected because I feel like the stupid deer are more important than I am!" said senior Ann Haynie while explaining why she took refuge in shopping.

In all fairness to the multitude of women shoppers we are asking you to declare at lease five "shoe days". "It is really difficult to find the right style of shoe in my size with all the competition at one time," complained senior Rina Giles.

We would like to propose stiff fines and penalties for anyone caught buying shoes out of season. We are also in favor of appointing shopping wardens to enforce special limitations on night shopping. "I find it irritating to shop after school hours because by this time others have picked over sales items," said senior Alicia Bryan. Please give our request immediate attention-deer season opens soon!!

Signed:
RHS Hunting Widows

right: The fit and style may have been perfect but the price tag persuaded sophomore Tangela Mingo to look elsewhere for a new jacket.

Left: The last shot probably has been fired for sophomore Billy Simmons, if he's successful he will have killed his limit of squirrel for the day.

Left: Late to bed early to rise is the trick for senior Scot Whiteman as he hopes to see "The Big One."

Below: The higher you go the better off you are. Climbing trees may be a pain for senior Anthony Hay but he hopes it will pay off one day and he'll bring home a "wall-hanger."

Above left: Christmas decisions perplex sophomore Angie Johnson as she tries to choose the tie that will best satisfy her dad from the selections available in the Economy Store in Ringgold.

Left: Lacy lingerie dangling from a rack catches sophomore Michele Todd's eye as she browses through the ladies department.

Is This Friday The 13th?

I Should Have Stayed In Bed.

Ding! Ding! The 3 o'clock bell! Finally! I can't believe I actually survived. I will be the first one to admit Ringgold High School is usually anything but exciting-but today wasn't just a usual day.

The day started off pretty normally. After I ate my Wheaties (*little did I know just how much I would need them*), I started off for school feeling special in my brand new pink Forenza sweater. I was really in no big hurry because I had a test first hour in Mrs. Robertson's room, so I thought it was pretty lucky to get behind the slowest bus. I certainly didn't expect to have to give twenty-five screaming elementary students a ride to school after the bus broke down. In all the confusion I missed first hour. I was feeling lucky to have missed the test until I found out they watched a film instead.

Things were relatively normal until lunch break. The teacher forgot that it was activity day and we were ten minutes late for lunch. we finally got to lunch and I waited five minutes in hot potato bar line. When I finally got there the person in front of me took the last potato. Furious, I went to stand in the hot line and waited another five minutes. When I finally got my plate I had all of five minutes to eat it. No time to visit and catch up on gossip or to find out about the pop quiz waiting for me in advanced math.

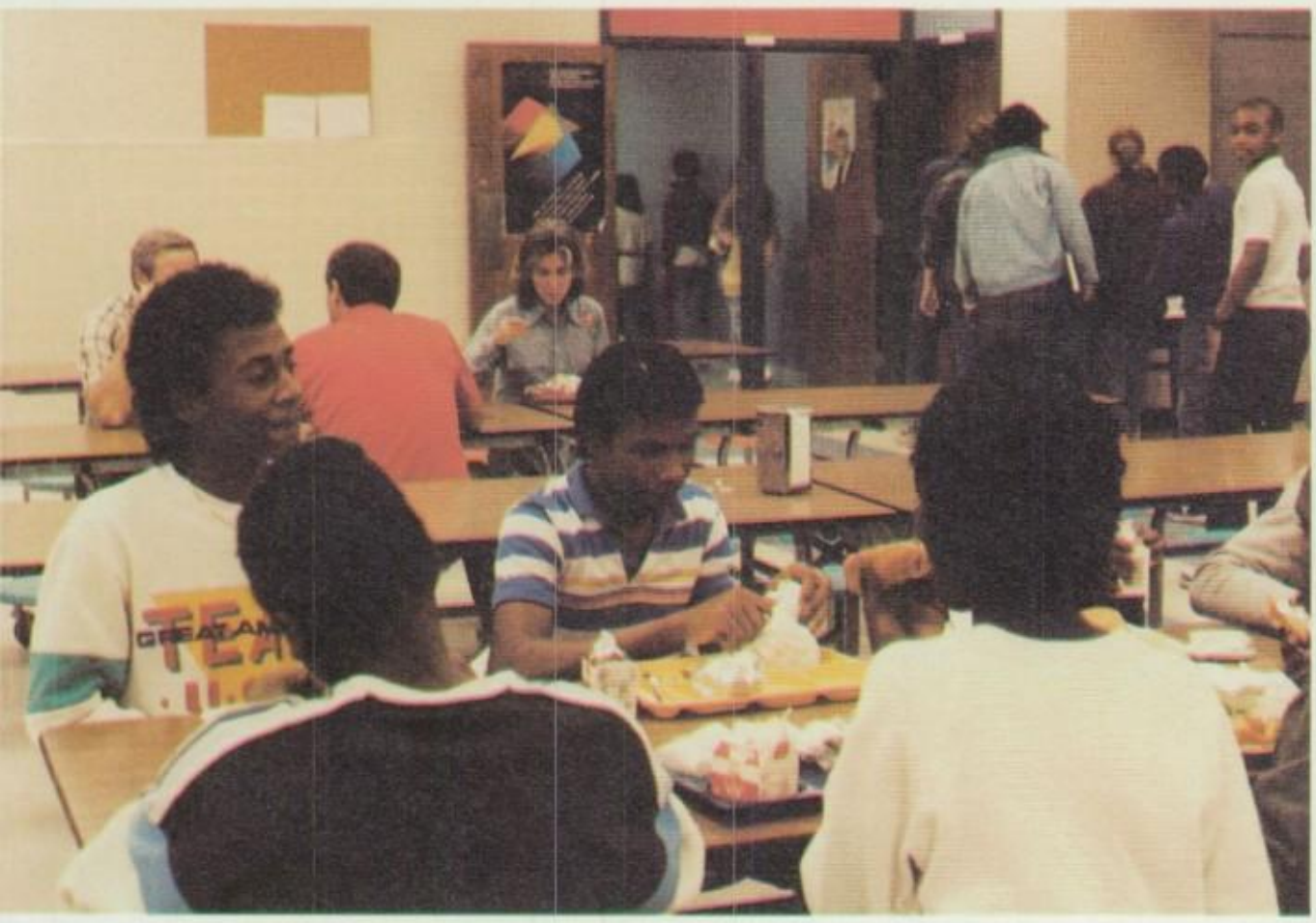
When last break finally came, one of my friends told me the new guy was looking for me because he wanted to ask me out. With the kind of day I was having I thought for sure it was just about to pick up, no such luck. As I rounded the corner I crashed into a 7th grader whose chocolate ice cream proceeded to dribble down the sleeve of my once beautiful new sweater. By the time I removed most of chocolate ice cream from my sweater break was over and I was late for class.

As I was walking out of school thinking nothing else could go wrong, my soon to be ex-best friend informed me she had managed to get a date with the new guy at school. It was one of those days when I would have been much better off to have stayed in bed.

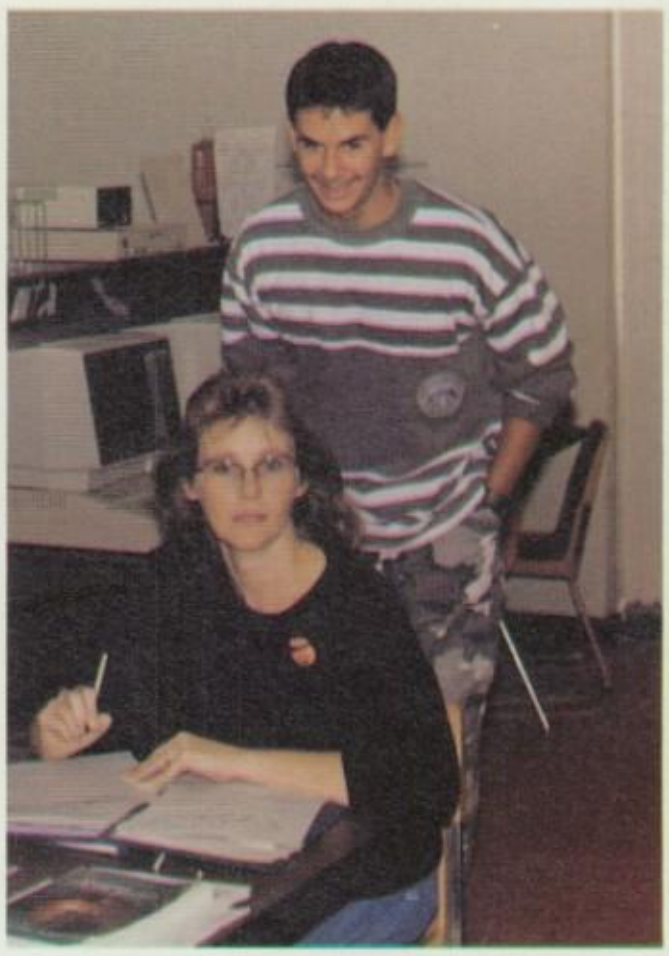
Lined with war-painted seniors, the north hall appears to be an obstacle course of jeans and tennis shoes during morning break.

It must be very early in the morning for Mr. Beatty to appear so fresh and happy in his doorway.

Nose-wrinkling frowns and discouraged looks mark the faces of Ginger Bloxom, Laketcha Johnson, and Michael Gomila as they work desperately to come up with at least one correct answer for Mrs. Sams.



With the new sandwich line in place, more students like Keith Collier and Jessie Hollinsworth take advantage of the increased variety of foods and eat a hot lunch everyday.



Taken by surprise, Mrs. Thornton looks up from her paperwork little suspecting that senior David LeBlanc is no longer at his computer terminal.

News

Freedom For The Future?

Who is Michael Dukakis? Who won the 1987 Nobel Prize? Why are they shooting at American ships in the Persian Gulf?

"What's the deal with all this news and stuff? It doesn't matter to me anyway." said (8th) Jay Phillips.

"Why watch the news when there are better shows on T.V.?" said junior Taiten Salter.

Who is Robert Bork anyway? Should high school students care about politics, the Supreme Court, and foreign affairs? Among our students there are many different points of view.

"Politics would be all right if they weren't all crooks," said sophomore Greg Hunt.

"I love the excitement during elections. I always try to keep on top of things to see who the good guys and the bad guys are," said freshmen Brent Mason.

For many reasons students in the upper grades need to be informed about world affairs, but do the junior high students need to lose sleep over such things? (8th) Candace Posey said, "The newspaper tells too much. Everything is crammed together." "The newspaper does not appeal to me, there are so many better things to do," said (8th) Tony Reliford.

Some students seem to care while others do not. Why do students feel this way about news? Senior David Conly replies, "The newspapers never include anything about Ringgold unless it is bad, so I don't take the time to read it."

"Very seldom do I read the newspaper. I don't take the time and I don't care," said junior Paul Hillier.

Yugoslavian exchange student senior Goran Goranovic has a more understandable reason for not reading much of the newspaper. "Sometimes understanding is still a little problem for me, but when something important happens in sports or politics, I never want to miss it!"

Some students think of news only as the latest gossip in "Seventeen" magazine or the latest hunting tips in "Field and Stream" magazine.

"Field and Stream magazine has great tips on hunting, and the pictures of the big deer and huge fish makes me more eager to get out there and get'em!" said sophomore Graham Bloxom.

"The only reason why I don't get to read "Seventeen" magazine is because I don't receive it in the mail, but when I get the chance I go to the library and read away!" said freshmen Carla Kennedy.

"I love to read "Seventeen" magazine because I like to look at the new fashion ideas and I also like the articles." said junior Tiffany McGregor.

Teachers do their best to encourage students to be award of world and national news for their own benefit. "Reading the newspaper furthers your education, and a well informed population stands the best chance of maintaining their freedom," said American History teacher Harold Johnson.

Election time rolls around again. (8th) Trey Hilton tries to help his favorite candidate by posting signs around town.

Seemingly oblivious to the world around her, (7th) Shannon Kelly devours the latest in young fashion news.

Left: Even elementary students get into the act of campaigning. Phillip Taylor, Talbert Tipton, and Zach Campbell throw candy from Senator Foster Campbell's car to Ringgold parade viewers. Above: To keep on top of the latest news, sophomore Stacey Howard begins her day with the Shreveport Times. She gets the paper from the rack in front of Dixie Dandy every morning.

Yes, We Did It!

Yes, after all of the controversy was finally cleared up, there really was a prom this year and it lasted three whole hours! And how did the 1988 prom turn out after all of the arguing and disagreeing? Under the balloons and crepe paper decorations there were beautiful gowns, good-looking guys in their tuxedos, dim lights, awesome music and most importantly, the differences between the two classes was put to rest for the evening.

"I loved the prom!" said Senior Dee Ricketson. "The decorations were great and the music wasn't that bad either." replied Senior Curlie Rambo.

The two things the seniors enjoy most at prom are usually the crowning of the prom king and queen and the reading of the Junior class prophecy. The two things the juniors enjoy most are guessing how the kings and queens will react when their names are called out and anticipating the seniors' laughter (or shouts) when they heard the junior's version of their futures!

The kings and queens this year couldn't have been put together any better by "The Love Connection" than by the junior balloting! Queen Rhonda Tipton was perfectly matched with King Russell Flint, her long time boyfriend and Queen Lashonda Whitfield was equally well matched with her steady, King Trent Holman.

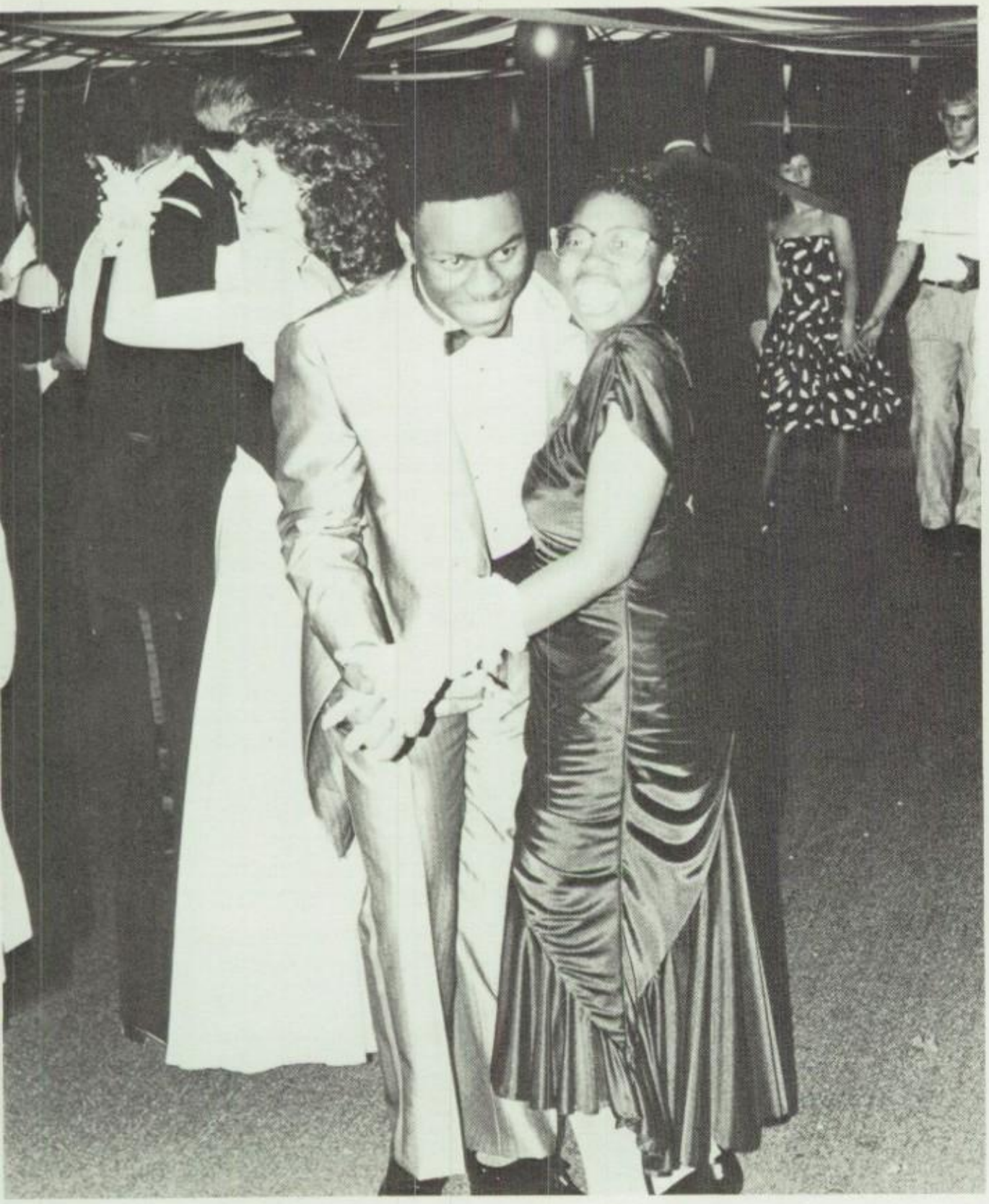
When Mr. Johnson heard Senior Missy Self yell his name he knew the prophecy reading was underway. As anticipated, there were screams, giggles and blushes as the junior prophecy was read and members of the senior class found themselves members of the casts of such TV programs as "Bistineau Landing" and "The Not-So-Young but Still Restless!"

When the last souvenir was passed out and the lights were turned off, everyone went their separate ways. Some went out to eat and others just went home, putting an end to yet another successful prom night.

Keep the music going! Junior Jennifer Bass and her date are ready for the next song to begin.

With crown in hand, Prom King Trent Holman and his Queen Lashonda Whitfield sway to the prom theme song "I Live For Your Love."

With a far away look in his eye, Prom King Russell Flint waits for his Queen Rhonda Tipton to adjust her crown and begin the dance.



Thoroughly enjoying themselves, Junior Frederick Braggs and his senior date Senior Rena Giles dance the night away.

An appreciative audience follows the slow, elegant moves of Senior Trenia Hill and Junior Roderick Llorens.

Under a crepe paper canopy, Seniors Chris Hedrick and Jason Hall jam it up on the dance floor.

Is Mr. Quigley Really Dead?!

SHOOT A MILE, NO!

"And the cast for the 1988 senior play is ..." This announcement sent chills through every senior who had tried out for a part. Questions like "Could I actually be chosen?" or "What if I'm not chosen!" went through everyone's head. As each name was called out it would prove to be the beginning of a very special experience, the memories of which they would treasure forever.

In preparation for the play the cast worked twice a week for 3 to 4 hours with their very patient director, Mr. Harold Johnson. During practices, they endured all of the headaches and small victories together.

"I enjoyed the practices more than anything else," said Mimi Tingle. Scot Whitman felt ,"Running around the school and playing laser tag was the best!" Julie Bernard commented, "The cast's domestic problems added a lot of excitement!"

The cast was well type-cast. Brad Sams was cast as Hercules, a 13-year old boy who couldn't stay out of trouble and was always opening his mouth when he shouldn't. Anthony Hay portrayed Wilbur, a 13-year old who really thought he knew everything. Mimi Tingle played Celeste, a sweet little girl who developed a crush on Wilbur. As Nina Rina Giles was a little girl who always saw the bright side of everything. Bridget Higginbotham put on a large smattering of freckles to portray Frankie, a goofy little girl who turned out to be very good at out-smarting the guys. As Aunt Mary, Rhonda Tipton was sensible and the only stabilizing factor in the household. Russell Flint was Uncle Bob, a fun-loving man who always appreciated a good joke. Granny, Ginger Griffin, was a spry and slightly dingy 75 year old woman.Ray Hadnot played Mr. Quigley , the resident corpse, who was also a quite spry joker and was very attracted to Granny. The villan, Dr. Brown, portrayed by Scot Whiteman, was a sophisticated man with shifty eyes. As Madeline,Kristi Cooper was a very serious woman who didn't have much personality. A flighty lawyer, Harry Schuster was played by Cedrick Reliford. Julie Bernard portrayed Daphne, a woman of mystery who dressed in a very old-fashioned manner. In his portrayal of Claude, David Conly almost stole the show as an oversized man always dressed in overalls with a corny joke handy. A helper for the cast, Ernest Woodard, also had the task of carrying in the corpse of Mr. Quigley.

The combination of hard work and creative casting made the play a success and it brought all the cast members closer together to make them feel just like family!

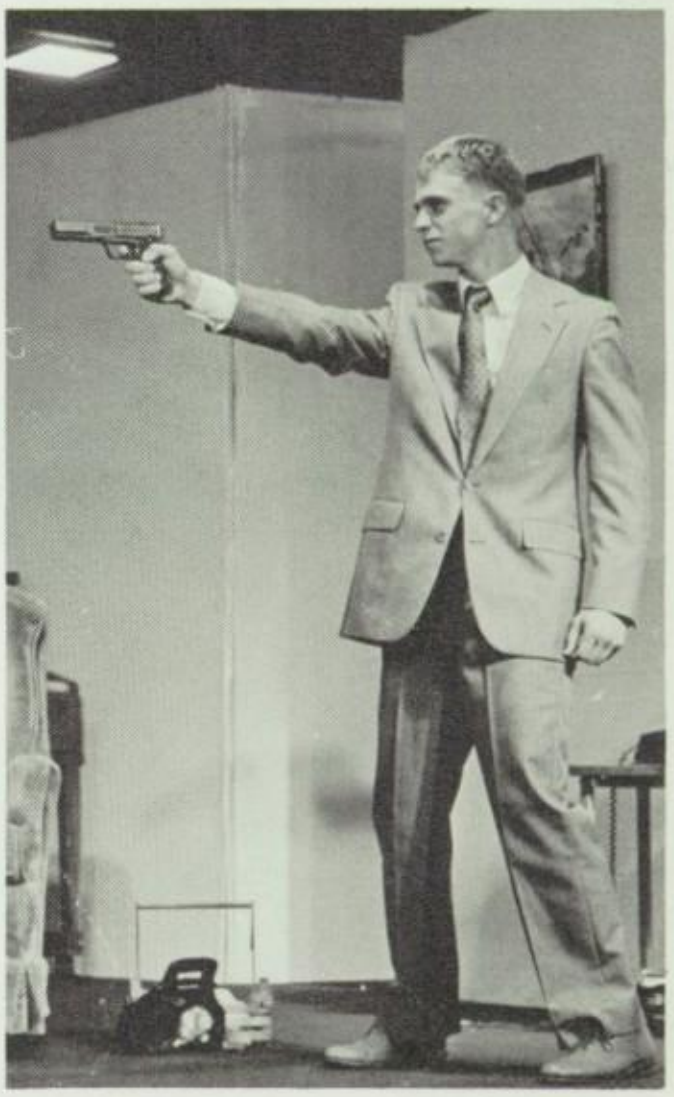
Frustrated and angry, Granny demands an explanation of how the villain was allowed to escape her trap.

Tired of lying around in the morgue, the "corpse" of Mr. Quigley makes himself comfortable in the living room much to Uncle Bob's dismay.

Get off the bed! Hardworking maid Daphne doesn't have time for Claude the caretaker's foolishness.

Utterly dumbfounded by the presence of a "corpse" in their bed, Hercules and Wilbur hurriedly consider their next move.

An indignant Madeline tries to talk some sense into her lawyer, Mr. Schuster.



The villain unmasked! Dr. Brown plans to do away with the witnesses and make good his escape.

The mystery surrounding Mr. Quigley's poisoning intrigues Frankie and puzzles Celeste, Nina, and Aunt Mary.

The clarinets add their own special sound to the outdoor pep rally festivities. Morristene Shepherd and Tammy Scott concentrate on playing their best at the only baseball pep rally that was held.

While everyone else works feverishly to prepare their cows for judging, Ernest Woodard works on a box of doughnuts.

Its music time at the Parish FHA meeting when Song Leader Margaret Lloyd gets set to lead off a group favorite.

Organizations

Sign Up And Enjoy The Fun!

A careful check of pasture conditions and vegetation will give Brent Mason the proper rating for pasture and range judging.

Wanted: Exciting people willing to meet more exciting people, to work in interesting surroundings, must be willing to go to wild, exotic places (like Baton Rouge).

Are you in this category? Do you want to do these things? Well you don't have to join the army to do it. Join an organization!

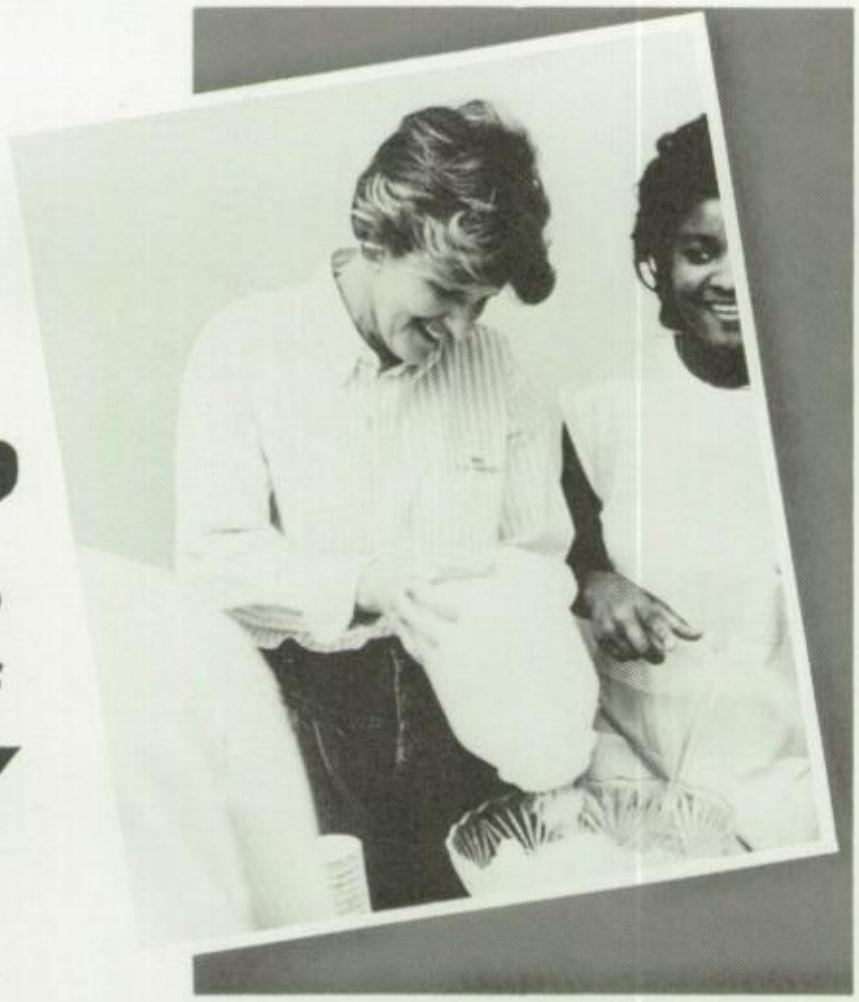
If you enjoy traveling you might be interesting in 4-H. "If you join 4-H you can go to all kinds of places. 4-H helped me go to Chicago and Japan!" said Senior Allison Oney.

If you enjoy meeting interesting people, try FBLA. "I met some really strange Cajuns at state meetings in Baton Rouge during my membership in FBLA," said Sophomore Dita Bethune.

Maybe you don't like to travel or meet people. You might be more of a farm person. Well don't despair, there is a place for you also in FFA. "I would rather deal more with animals than people!" stated Senior Cederick Reliford.

If you find yourself in one of these categories, you are just what we are looking for. So sign up and enjoy the fun!

While preparing for serious FHA initiation, Mrs. Woodard and Janet Brackens share a moment of laughter.



"It makes you feel good to brighten someone's day."

Projects Keep Us ***BUSY***

"Leaders on the move"- the parish and district themes for FHA this year- perfectly describes the Ringgold Chapter. The chapter was constantly busy with community service projects, parish and district meetings, school activities and all-around good times.

Members provide a very special community service every year around Christmas by sharing some of their good cheer with the elderly at the Ringgold Nurse Care Center. This year they sang carols, put on a play, presented a fruit basket, and chose a Mr. and Mrs. Santa. "I really enjoy helping the senior citizens." said Karen Ratcliff, "It makes you feel good to know that you brightened up someone's day."

At the parish FHA meetings, Ringgold was represented by a large delegation of members, two of whom were chosen parish officers. Mrs. Thelma Cage, a retired home economics teacher from Ringgold, was selected as an honorary member. The district meeting was just the opposite. Due to a unexpected winter snowstorm, the meeting was postponed to a later date during the Easter Holidays. Only eight of the expected thirty-four members showed up. "It felt strange with only eight of us but we had fun," commented Lisa Bryant.

School activities have played a major roll in preparing members for the future. They had the responsibility of running the Varsity concession stand at home games and members also enjoyed helping elementary teachers with parties. During Halloween they helped with refreshmemts and judged mask-making contests. At Easter they sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for the First Grade.

At the parish meeting in Arcadia, Dita Bethune, Rene Rasco, and Lori Elliott confer on last minute details.

Mind your manners! Deanna Pietsch demonstrates proper FHA eating form at the spring banquet.

As part of her welcome to FHA, new member Lisa Bryant is presented with the official T-shirt for having been the silliest dressed on Silly Initiation Day by officer Amy Piestch.

FHA Officers: Top row: Karen Ratcliff-Reporter, Janet Brackens-Vice President, Margaret Lloyd-President, Heather Evans-Vice President, Kristy Cooper-Treasurer, Bottom row, Beth Powell-Parliamentarian, Ginger Bloxam-Recreational Leader, Janita Reliford-Historian.

FHA members: Top row: Marsha Woodall, Angela Johnson, Laketcha Johnson, Lashonda Whitfield, Dita Bethune, Melanie Taylor, Row 2: Angela Bass, Lori Jackson, Janet Brackens, Kristy Cooper, Rene Rasco, Rina Giles, Trenia Hill, Melinda Young, Row 3: Kaye Grigg, Heather Evans, Tina Fowler, Nickie Taylor, Robertia Reliford, Jackie Amos, Linda Ashley, Row 4: Nicole Procell, Angela Wiggins, Janice Bell, Lori Elliott, Deanna Pietsch, Beth Powell, Margaret Lloyd, Row 5: Trina Ballard, Liz Gros, Roberta Lemke, Karen Ratcliff, Angela Morgan, Ginger Bloxom, Janita Reliford, Advisor: Mrs. Woodard.

At serious initiation, President Margaret Lloyd presents Tammy Scott with her membership pen.

Chicks always give Brian Mason a tough time, even in his FFA SOEP project.

"It took a lot of my time but I learned a lot."

A Wealth Of Opportunities

You had to be able to tell the difference between a Barred Rock and a Rhode Island Red in poultry competition have a chance to go to state judging events for FFA.

The past year was full of judging events and the FFA did the best it has done in many years. Mr. Mason said, "I was pleased with all of the judging teams, they did exceptionally well."

Mr. Mason is well liked by most of his students. Junior Lacia Walsh said, "Mr. Mason is a very nice person who puts up with murder and likes it." " Mr. Mason is a swell guy who lets us do almost any thing we want. I've gotten to where I can almost tell when he's had enough and when to quit." said Junior Brad Bullock.

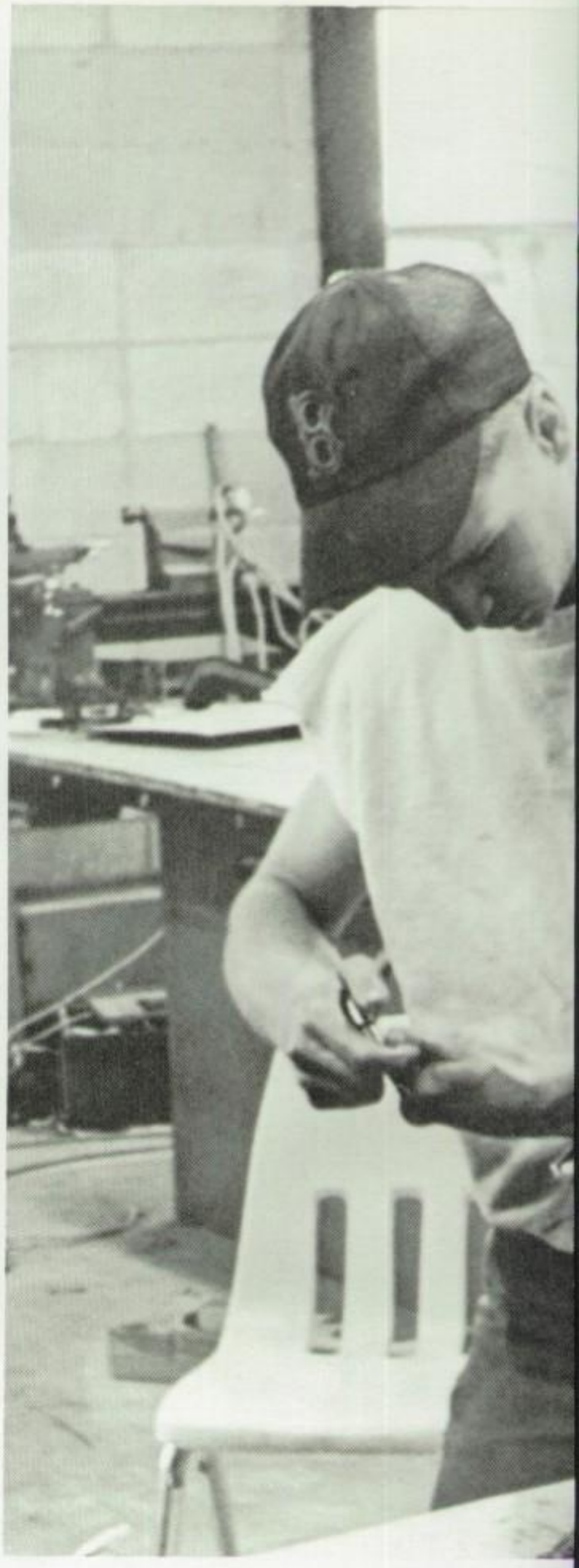
It's possible to pursue many different areas of interest in FFA from mechanics to plant science and everything in between. There are several areas in which a student can learn skills that will help him/her in years to come. Mr. Mason, the Ag. director, is qualified in all of these fields. For example, students can learn the basics of auto mechanics; how to adjust the timing, change brake shoes and learn to change points and condensors. Welding is another area which can be very useful. Since Ringgold is more or less a farm community, students can learn how to repair some of the equipment around the farm.

The SOEP is another big part of the FFA. SOEP means Supervised Occupational Experience Program. Several students have SOEP's including Senior Ernest Woodard who said, "Having an SOEP is almost like owning your own little business." "You learn how to make business decisions and manage your money," said Senior Brad Sams who has a small bird SOEP.

"The Ringgold FFA has taught me many things that will help me in the future." said Senior Brian Mason. FFA is one of Ringgold's outstanding organizations which can benifit its students in a lot of different ways.

The FFA is also more than just a nine month organization. During every summer a leadership camp is held in Bunkie La. There FFA members learn leadership skills which are useful and beneficial to their chapter. Members can also run for an area one office. Brad Sams and Greg Hunt both ran for an office and won. Brad is the Area I President and Greg is the Area I Sentiniel.

During the past summer three members, along with Mr. Mason attended the National Convention in Kansas City, Kansas. Two of the members Brad Sams and Ernest Woodard, went to take the Agribusiness test. They qualified to go to nationals during the state contest where they got first and third place Sr. Brad Sams said, "It was a blast. I met poeple from all over the nation." The trip however was not all fun. On the way up there Brad hit a deer with the van just the other side of the Missiouri state line. Mr. Mason said, "We were all asleep except the driver and when he hit the deer I didn't know what had happened to my van. It sure woke us up in a hurry." So you see the FFA is more than just a nine month organization, it lasts year round.



The winning team! Pasture and Range was the only local team to place at the state judging events held in Baton Rouge.

Muscle power helps Scott Whiteman put it all back together in small engine class.

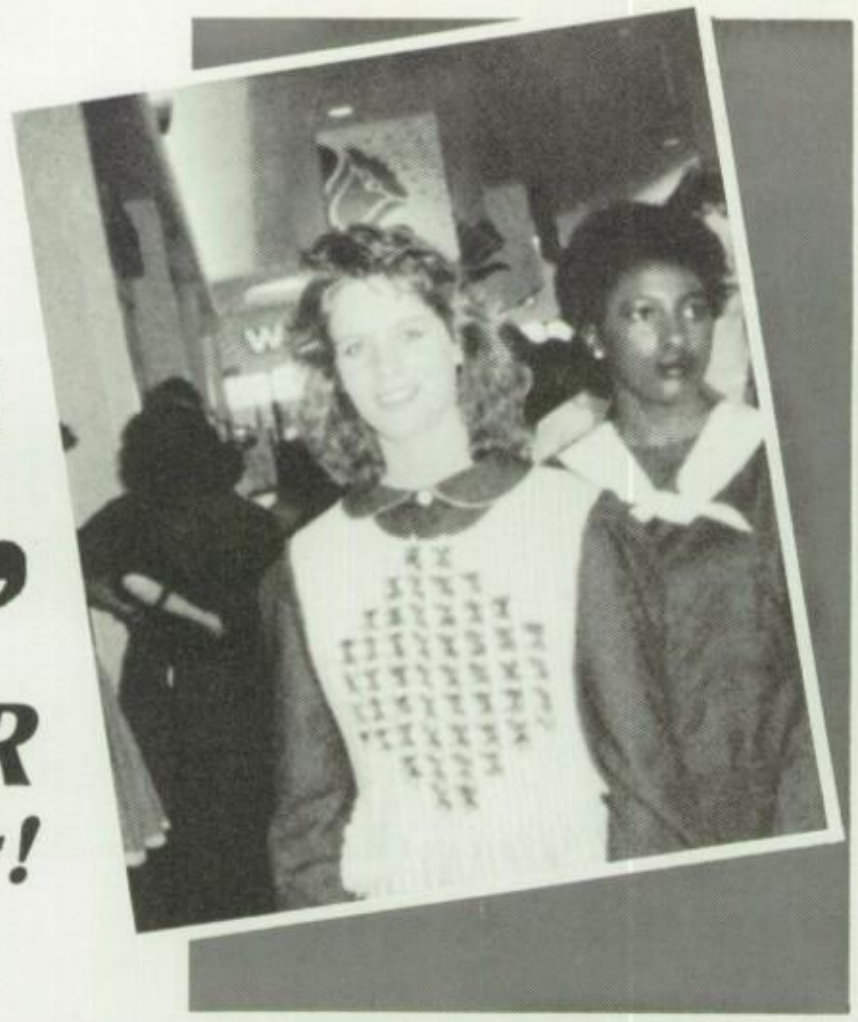
87-88 FFA Officers Melinda Young (Chaplin), Brian Mason (Vice-President), Russell Flint (Reporter), Brad Sams (President), Ernest Woodard (Secretary), Greg Hunt (Parliamentarian), Paul Hillier (Treasurer). Not Pictured Anthony Hay (Sentinial). Brad Sams is Area I President along with Greg Hunt who is Area I Sentinel.

Top to Bottom: Stacey Woodall, Scott Whiteman, Donald Marler,Stuart Toney, Ricky Nails, Jason Parkman, Jay Buchanon, Ronald McClain,Tony Hullaby,Bobby Pate, Richard Grisby, Jerry Blackburn, Chris Grisby, Randy Wiggins, Tony Wiggins, Paul Morrow, David Dobson, Phillip Woods, Stephen Gomila, Monte Thames, Tim Quaid, Jonathan Lloyd, Mark Thornton, Paul Hillier, Talley Bussey, Ronald Parker, Ben Wimberly, Brian Hullion, Joe Woodall, Cedrick Reliford, Deanna Pietsch, Kaye Grigg, Tina Fowler, Melinda Young, Lacia Walsh, David Warren, Mr. Mason(Advisor), Taiten Salters, Taurus Johnson, Kennith Reliford, Chad Barmore, Tonya Williams, Brad Bullock, Mike Lee, Dale Davis, Briley Carter, Brad Sams, Brian Mason, Ernest Woodard, Russell Flint, James Blackburn, Greg Hunt, Mike Gross, Robert Hays, Brent Mason

String'em up!!!! Anthony Bare and several of his friends seem to have been just a little upset over the grades they recieved from Mr. Mason

You've heard of cone heads, well meet the balloon heads. FFA President Brad Sams makes Brent Mason, Deanna Pietsch, and James Rambo serenade Coach Plunket's class as part of their greenhand intiation

With a smile on her face, Reba Tipton, models her outfit in the 4-H Sew With Cotton Contest.h



"Looks like something that came out of a fashion magazine!"

BETTER Than Ever!

If you still have the idea that 4-H is a club dealing mainly with chickens and pigs, you had better up-date your thinking. Today's 4-H still has chickens and pigs but it also has the lastest fashions and the best foods.

Fashion really came alive in the Sew-With-Cotton contest and the annual Dress Review. Reba Tipton, a Sophomore who participated in these events said, "Some of the dresses were so cute they looked like something in a fashion magazine."

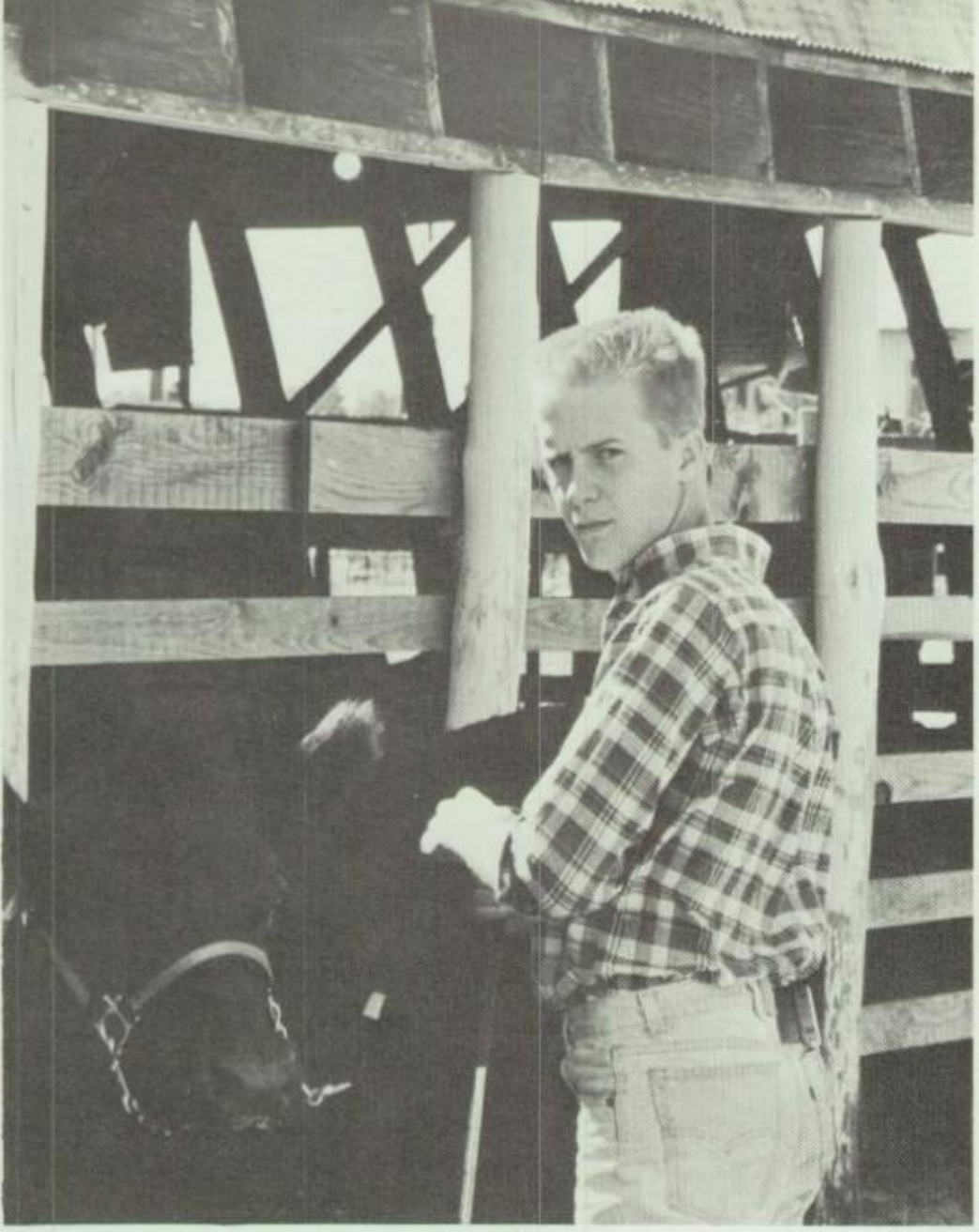
Egg Cookery was one of the most memorable food contests. Carla Kennedy, a Freshman contestant in the Egg Cookery Contest said, "I didn't realize the things you could do with eggs. The dishes were delicious!"

Yes, 4-H still has chickens and pigs and fun trips to go along with them, but 4-H is expanding its variety of activites so there will be something for everyone.

The fine art of garnishing foods for the table is demonstrated by Carla Kennedy and Melanie Boyet at the parish 4-H Egg Cookery Contest.

Under the critical eyes of the Guernsey- Jersey judge, Melinda Young coaxes her entry through the dairy calf competition in Baton Rouge.

Plans for future 4-H projects take shape as Junior Leaders Mimi Tingle, Angela Bass, Jennifer Bass, Melissa Salter and Lacia Walsh confer with directors Karen Martin and Billy Nutt.



The job of preparing an Agnus heifer for the show ring is serious business for Jason Parkman.

Should it be bows or braids? Studing her winning heifers tail, Lacia Walsh, makes sure every strand is in order for the upcoming competition.

Row-1; Ben Wimberly, Brian Hulion, Tiffany McGregor, Nicole Taylor, Carla Kennedy, Melanie Boyet. Row-2; Allyson Brewer, Melissa Lee, Jennifer Bass, Melissa Salter, Heather Evans, Lacia Walsh, Melinda Young. Row-3; Roddy Pate, Ginger Griffin, Russell Flint, Nicole Tingle Kaye Grigg, Reba Tipton, Connie Iverson. Row-4; Robert Hays, Lori Elliot, Allison Oney, Candice Westberry, Jerald Blackburn, Aaron Thrower, Richard Grigsby. Row-5; Brent Mason, Stacey Woodall, Ben Moss, Talley Bussey, Jackie Amos, and Rene Rasco.

Michelle Moore, Shane Waites, Rona Monroe, Scott Bates, Devon Walsh.Row-2; Jason Lee, Russell CLifton, Brian LeDoux, Cassie Phillips, Jessie Rasco, Brent Reliford. Row-3; Rosaalyn Reliford, Racheal Woodard and Tallie Higginbotham.

At the first FBLA Banquet, Secretary Mimi Tingle and Mr. Haynie, promised to uphold the laws and responsibilies of the FBLA."

"I got hit by a snowball at the rally."

Snow!

Snow, snow, and more snow was the scene at this year's FBLA District I Rally. What started out as a quiet winter morning ended up a day of rain, hail, sleet and snow.

After arriving at LSUS on Friday, February 11, the advisors and bus drivers spent most of the time debating whether or not their group should head back home. By 12:00 p.m. they had come to the conclusion that the weather wasn't going to get any better. "We had to leave or be stranded over there the rest of the day because the bridges were being closed," stated Tammy Scott. As a result of the change in the weather, the entire rally was postponed until Saturday, February 20, at Homer High School.

At the later rally many of the FBLA participants rated Superior or Excellent. Superior winners were: Ginger Griffin, job interview; Michelle LeDoux, poster contest; Janita Reliford, Ecnomics; Brad Sams, Tammy Scott, and Nicole Tingle, current events; and Brian Mason, public speaking. Excellent was Kristine Harper, keyboarding.

Other FBLA activities throughout the year included presenting a skit titled "What if there was no Christmas" at the local nursing home for the second consecutive year and a food drive sponsored by the advisor, Mrs. Evelyn Hamilton, in which each member was asked to bring can goods for needy families in the area.

The achievements of the FBLA can be attributed to the hard work and determination of its' members and officers.

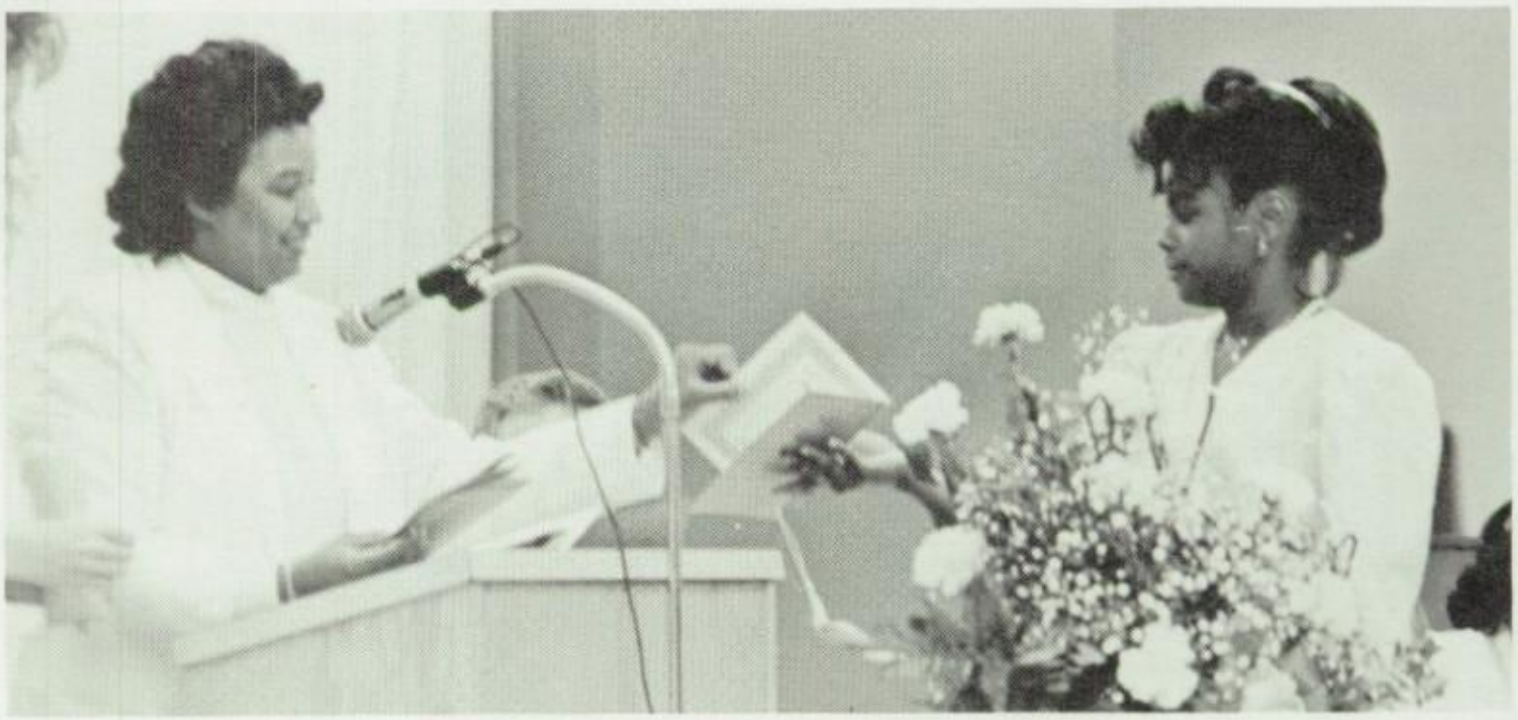
Tiffany stated, "FBLA was more exciting because we had more activities, including our first banquet." This year's banquet was held Friday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria and was quite successful. The FBLA began this year right and ended right.

FBLA members- (Bottom) Advisor Evelyn Hamilton, Officers- Tammy Scott, Frederick Braggs, LaShunda Whitfield, Lori Jackson, Mimi Tingle, Michelle LeDoux, Melissa Salter, Tiffany McGregor, Rena Giles, and Reba Haynie. (Row 2) Brad Sams, Earnest Woodard, Brian Mason, Bridget Higginbotham, Eva Pisterna, Jennifer Bass, Heather Evens, Kelli Wiltcher, and Cheryl Pietsch. (Row 3) Ronnie Woodall, Mickie Hammett, Roddy Pate, Ginger Griffin, Russell Flint, Allison Oney, Candice Westberry, Janice Bell, Nicole Tingle, and Christene Harper. (Row 4) Eric Bates, Allyson Brewer, Lacia Walsh, Melinda Young, Brian Huliun, Ben Wimberly, Janita Reliford, Jackie Amis, and Roberta Reliford. (Row 5) Linda Iverson, Tony Johnson, Larson Cunningham, Roberta Lemke, Lance Brock, Moristene Shepherd, Ericka Ashley, Dita Bethune, and Kristy Cooper. (Row 6) Linda Ashley, Eheryl Davis, Shuyla Moore, Angie Johnson, Lakethcha Johnson, and Barbara Jones.

Thrilled by the success of the first FBLA lbanquet, Bridget Higginbotham and Ginger Griffin take a brief intermision from socializing to show off Ginger's award.

It's been a long, hard meeting if one were to judge by the expressions of members Heather Evans, Amy Pietsch, Janita Reliford, and Trenia Hill.

At the center of attention, FBLA president Tammy Scott receives an award for achievement at the FBLA banquet.



Rehearsal for the Christmas skit takes place before a critical audience of FBLA members.

Perhaps the fact that it is almost lunch time has inspired Junior Jennifer Bass to work as quickly as possible.

THIS IS FUN?

Deadlines Drive Us Crazy!

Some people may consider it needless pain and suffering, but to this year's members, being on the yearbook staff was a great experience. All of the story-writing, photo-taking, and ad-selling might be hard, but in the end, it does give you a feeling of accomplishment, and besides, it's fun! Of course, between trying to write a story that Mrs. Saucier won't chew up and spit out and planning a layout that Mrs. Sams won't have a fit over - you wouldn't think so.

True, meeting deadlines, constantly rewriting stories, and generally being under untold stress can sometimes drive you nuts, but fortunately, terminal sanity isn't one of the things that the staff members are known for. But, all in all, they pulled through without too many things going wrong - and had a ball while doing it!

And now, introducing the '87-'88 RHS Yearbook Staff!

Julie Bernard- "She's so unusual"
A very spontaneous good-natured person. She's the type that would jump off the Brooklyn Bridge if you told her to.

Bridget Higginbotham- "The two faces of Eve"
She seems to be one of the most calm and reserved members of the yearbook staff, but according to very reliable sources, another person lurks within.

Rhonda Tipton- "Daughter of a p-nut"
Our musical wonder who regularly contributes to the delinquency of the rest of the group. She's usually followed or preceded by "the nutcase".

Ginger Griffin- "17 going on 30"
Certainly the most mature member of the staff by far, but she is susceptible to sudden, unpredictable attacks of hyperactivity.

Russell Flint- "The nutcase"
He's living simultaneously in another reality. Behaves in weird, unpredictable ways. Better watch out for this guy, folks.

Margaret Lloyd- "Mystery woman"
Cool, calm, and collected---on the surface. But who knows the real Margaret?

Ronnie Woodall- "Mr. know-it-all"
He has a comeback or an answer for everything, and he always has to have the last word in. His favorite phrase is "make me".

Tyrette Kennedy- "Everybody's copilot"
She's the one that always remains in control when everyone else flies out of orbit.

Ben Moss- "Mutant ex-hippie reject from outer space"
He has a tendency to use ten-dollar words in everyday conversation. He plans to become an artist for Mad Magazine; which should tell you all you need to know about Ben.

Melissa Salter- "The hall pass maniac"
If there's any excuse to be found that'll get her out of class, she'll find it!

Jennifer Bass- "The 105-pound garbage disposal"
She is frequently to be found stuffing her face in the middle of class, never gaining a pound!

Frederick Braggs- "Mr. Perfect"
Absolutely no flaws (according to him). Sits perfectly straight in his chair, pronounces every word perfectly, and is always quick to help others get things perfectly right.

Michelle LeDoux- "Basket Case"
Usually, she's a laid back, easy-going person. But when the pressure really starts to mount, she cracks under the strain!

Karen Ratcliff- "The Epic Author"
The author of "Gone With the Wind" has nothing on Karen! Her yearbook pages ran on and on, driving Mrs. Saucier crazy trying to edit them!

Mrs. Saucier- "The Mad Editor"
Beware of the RED PEN!

Mrs. Sams- "the SLAVEDRIVER!"
Well, to be honest, she has to be a slavedriver to put up with this staff!"

Hands clasped in prayer, Michele LeDoux petitions Mrs. Sams for mercy while Karen Ratcliff slaves away behind them.

Far Above: The photo of the good-looking guy on the magazine cover is distracting Julie Bernard from Mrs. Sams' directions.
"Do you know how much I've got to do?" says Ginger Griffin as she checks her list.

Disturb Bridget Higginbotham at your own risk when deadline time approaches.

Everyone enjoys a party, especially over worked yearbook staff members Frederick Braggs and Rhonda Tipton. The staff gave Goran Goranovic a real American birthday party.

At Josten's Yearbook Camp this creative group carried away more awards than any other school in the area. Bottom: Mrs. Saucier, Rhonda Tipton, Reba Tipton, Lori Jackson, Jennifer Bass Top: Russell Flint, Tyrette Kennedy, Frederick Braggs, Amy Pietsch, Mrs. Sams, Melissa Salter, Michelle LeDoux, Karen Ratcliff, Ginger Griffin. Reba, Lori and Amy had to abandon the staff because of scheduling problems.

Far above: The camera work of Melissa Salter gets close scrutiny from Russell Flint and Ronnie Woodall.

The dreaded red pen is at it again as Mrs. Saucier works over Senior Margaret Lloyd's latest literary effort.

No one can ever be quite sure what kind of strange stories Ben Moss will write when he's in this mood.

Santa's merry helpers in the cafeteria prepare to serve up some cheer.

> "I feel it is an honor to represent my fellow students."

The Best Ever

Constantly faced with the challenge of planning activities for the students at R.H.S., the Student Council has been trying t make this year the best possible.

With class officer elections, Homecoming Court selection, and Spirit Week to plan, you'd think that the student council members wouldn't have time to do anything else. "It is fun to take part in the decision-making and be involved in planning school activities," stated Tiffany McGregor. Most members were also involved in many extracuricula activities and still maintained realitivly high grades.

This year the Student Council purchased Christmas caps for the cafeteria workers and sponsored the Annual Academic Pep Rally, featuring the Barksdale Air Force Band. This year also was the first year for the Press Project, which placed artictes in the local papers enlighten the students and town on many important school events.

So you can see that this has been a busy and exciting year for the Student Council and Body at R.H.S.

Pass it on! Sophomore LaDonzia Glover and Freshman Brent Mason are caught in the middle of the cheerleader's "movie theater" skit.

With all the distractions, Junior Reba Haynie will have a hard time getting the homecoming float ready on time.

As part of "Old Folks" day during spirit week, Freshman Carla Kennedy was transformed into a smiling granny.

It's #22 down the middle, at least in spirit as Junior Phillip King proudly displays his war-paint.

Student Council members; (seated) Bridget Higgonbotham, Reba Haynie, Frederick Braggs (Pres.), Tammy Scott (V. Pres.), Trenia Hill and Ray Hadnot (Reporter). (standing) Leslie Evans, Carla Kennedy, Tiffany McGregor, Jason Bass, Tony Reliford, Michelle LeDoux, Janita Reliford, Morristene Sheperd and Sponsor Henry Jackson.

"We were so tired we barely made it!"

Long And Exhausting

Armed with the RHS spirit necessities, balloons and ribbons, Melisa Lee joins in a party the cheerleaders gave for the football team.

The spirit of the moment lights up Nickie Taylor's face as she claps to the beat of the band at the outdoor pep rally.

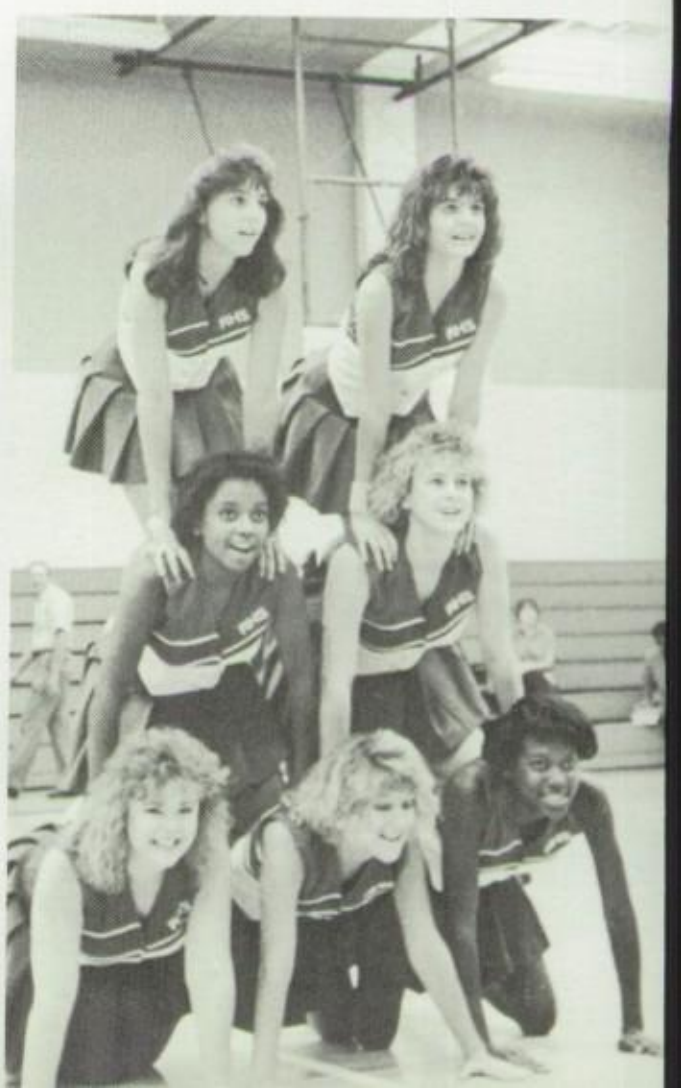
It was a long, exhausting year for the cheerleaders because this year there was only one cheerleading squad for both the football and basketball seasons. An unusually low number of girls tried out so it was decided to have only one squad. Most of the girls preferred having two squads. "After football season we were so tired that we barely made it through basketball season," complained Janita Reliford. Although the work was hard and tiring the Varisty Cheerleaders kept the spirit rolling by decorating the halls with posters, selling ribbons and leading successful pep rallies.

The cheerleaders started early by attending cheerleading camp at Northwestern during the summer. They also participated in a summer workshop in Lake Charles.

The 1987-88 Varsity Cheerleaders were Allison Oney, Janita Reliford, Heather Evens, Kelli Wiltcher, Nickie Taylor, Dita Bethune, and Melisa Lee. The Varsity sponsor was Mrs. Peggy Robertson.

The big part of the spirit that led the Redskins to the District Championship were the cheerleaders. They painted the windows of all of the businesses in Ringgold to remind everyone to root for the Redskins. They kept the town, as well as the school, involved in Ringgold's football team victories.

To make sure everyone can see and hear them, Allison Oney, Heather Evans, Nickie Taylor, Janita Reliford, and Melisa Lee take to the bleachers as they cheer on their favorite basketball team.



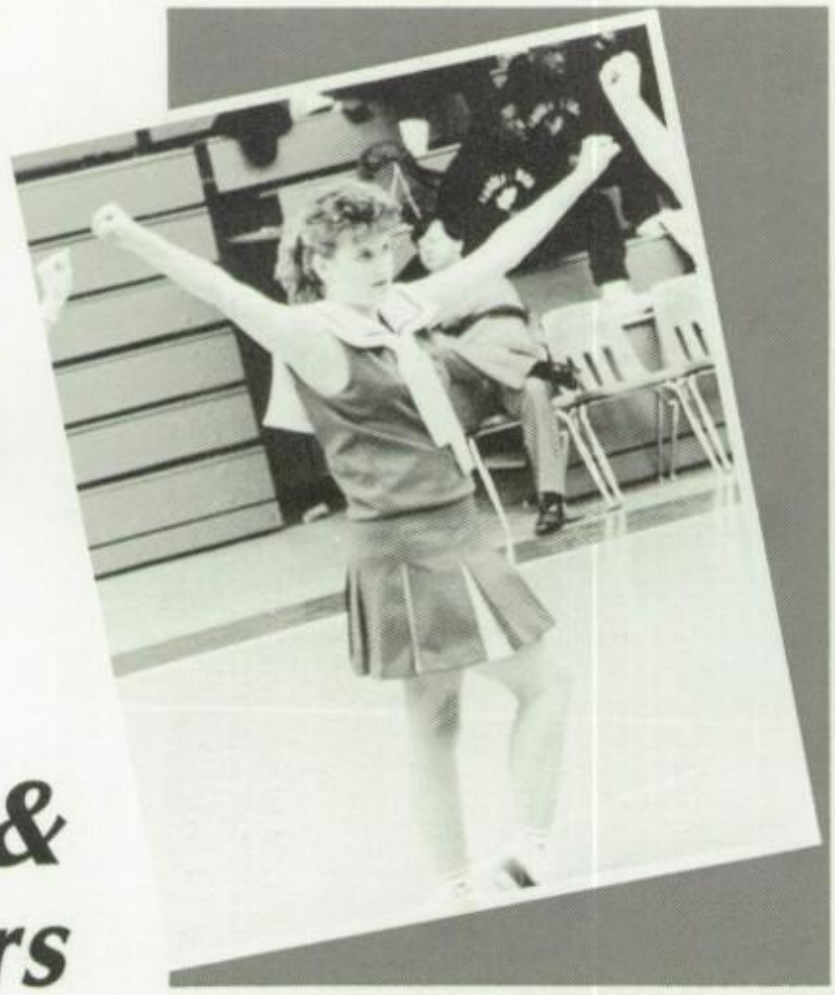
Strong backs and straight arms are a must if the cheerleaders are to maintain their breathtaking pyramid formation at pep rallies.

Thoroughly aroused by the outcome of one of the football plays, varsity cheerleader Dita Bethune lets out a Redskin War Cry!

The response of the crowd to her cheer at the pep rally literally rocks Janita Reliford back on her heels.

The 1987-1988 football and basketball Varsity Cheerleaders are (clockwise) Heather Evans, Dita Bethune, Melisa Lee, Kelli Wiltcher, Allison Oney, Janita Reliford, and Nickie Taylor.

"*All we ever did was practice!*"



Chants & Cheers

A mid-summer trip to Northwestern University's cheerleading camp got the enthusiastic junior high cheerleading squad off to a rousing start. They learned new cheers and chants, had fun, and worked hard. Although this training helped, many hours of practice were necessary for the development of their routines. They actively supported the Junior High football and basketball teams by selling ribbons and decorating the halls with posters. They also participated in several pep rallies along with the Varsity Cheerleaders.

The Junior High cheerleaders participated in the Ringgold Fair Parade. They designed a replica of the Liberty Bell and placed it on the end of their float. They cheered for their favorite team while riding down Mill Street.

The members of the 1987-88 Junior High Cheerleader squad were Leslie Evans, Tera Harris, Brandy Procell, Melissa Pietsch, Michelle Moore, and Misti Barbo. Their sponsor was Mrs. Betty Weathers.

All the hard work of these cheerleaders was enhanced by their enthusiasm and helped to make the football games more enjoyable for the players and fans.

Poised for take-off, cheerleader Tera Harris contemplates her next move in hopes of staying in step with the music.

Cool autumn weather encourages Leslie Evans to keep the action going as the junior high cheerleader's float parades down Mill Street.

A break in the game action finds cheerleaders Tera Harris, Brandy Procell, Misti Barbo, Leslie Evans, and Michelle Moore at ease.

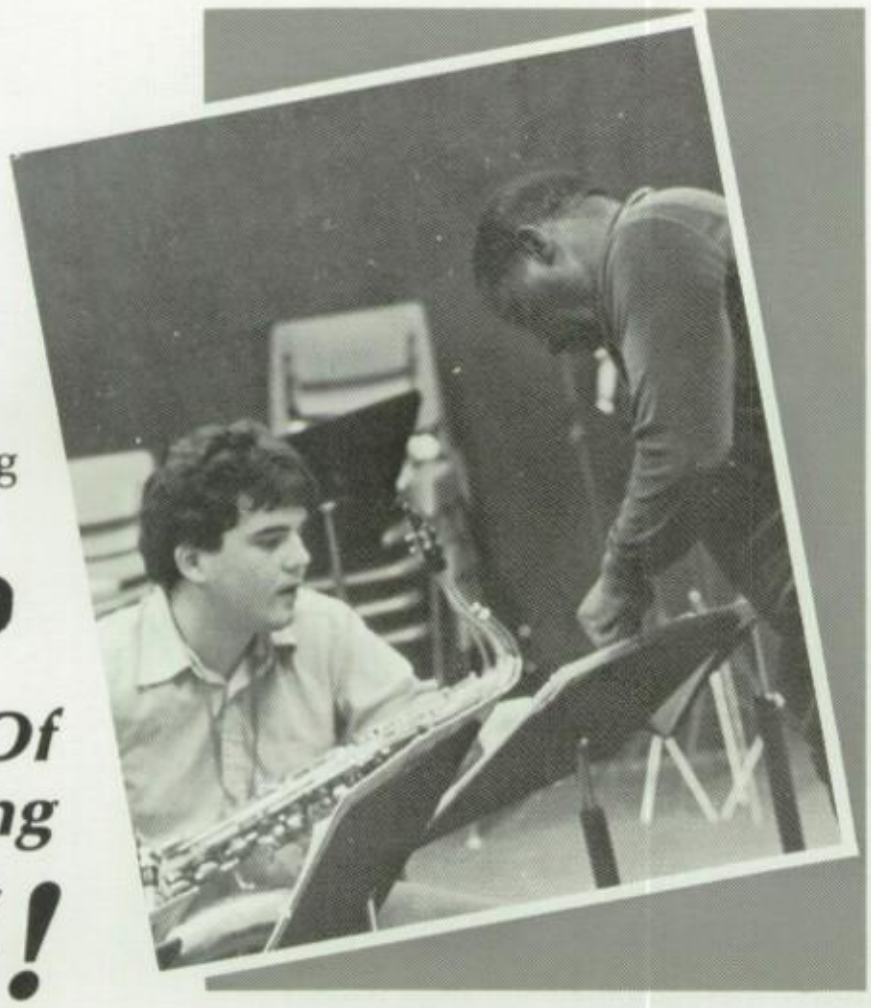
The opportunity to take the place of the varsity cheerleaders for a few minutes gives Melissa Pietsch, Leslie Evans, and Misti Barbo the motivation to give their best effort to their cheer.

At the first judging stop of the fair parade, Misti Barbo, Leslie Evans, and Brandy Procell demonstrate some of their junior high spirit.

Decisions, decisions! Just before game time Misti Barbo, Brandy Procell, and Tera Harris try to decide which program the group will perform.

The 1987-1988 Ringgold Junior High CHeerleaders are (clockwise) Misti Barbo, Tera Harris, Leslie Evans, Brandy Procell, and Michelle Moore.

With open mouth, Wayne Bridges pays attention as Mr. young assists him with stage band music.



"Results! No excuses!" is the motto for our band. Holly Hillier looks as if she is using every bit of her energy while playing for the enjoyment of the student body.

It looks as if it takes five legs to hold up the weight of a tuba. Roderick Reliford boosts the spirits of the baseball team during a short pep-rally on the hill.

"Music is a thinking man's game."

The Start Of Something BIG!

Goofing off and playing around in the band room are things of the past! These are times of change for the R.H.S. Band, and discipline has been the major factor . It takes hard work, determination, and sweat to make a really good band and the band that we have now is moving in the right direction under the leadership of our new band director, Mr. Charles A. Young.

"He's tough, but he gets the job done." commented Sophomore Bobby Dorking. "He's the best band director Ringgold has seen for a long time!" remarked another Sophomore, Michelle LeDoux.

Mr. Young has been teaching music for 30 years. He has previously taught at Grambling, Gibson, and Notre Dame. After high school in Lanston, Oklahoma, he moved on to Grambling State University. At Grambling, he played various instruments, but specialized in the baritone. He is also presently working with the National Guard Band.

Mr. Young stated, "Attitude, discipline, preserverence, and a desire to excel are the key factors of a band, but attitude is the most important of all!" The R.H.S. Band started off the year with a blast. During football season, pregame and half-time shows proved to be exciting entertainment. Along with the new year came a new auxillary, the Redskin Dancing Dolls, who also doubled as majorettes.

The band played for auxillaries and cheerleaders as they preformed routines. Pep rallys were better than ever with the enthusiastic participation of the band. "We can't always stop and listen to the band, but it's great to know they're there and that they are supporting us all the way!" said head coach, David Kidd.

In the past years, the band activities usually stopped with the football season, but as Mr.Young says, "The show must go on!" The concert season was officially launched. First on the adgenda was the Christmas Concert. The band played the traditional "Greensleeves", "White Christmas", "Yuletide", and "Chestnuts Roasting on a Open Fire". "The concert was great!! I'm ready to open presents right now!" exclaimed Junior Stacey Woodall.

The band was in several parades throughout the year in Ringgold, at L.A. Tech, Grambling, and Coushatta, where they won first place in the Coushatta Christmas Parade. The first trophy the band won is proudly displayed in the band room. "This is the first of many!," stated Mr.Young.

After the Christmas break, the band started practicing for the Spring Concert in March. The concert began with the "Star Spangled Banner" then on to "Emperata Overture" and "Revival". "Concertino", a flute solo, was beautifully performed by Junior Tyrette Kennedy with band accompaniment. As the Concert Band took a short break, the newest feature, the Stage Band set up for their performance. The Stage Band rocked the gym with "Back to the Jungle", "Cubana Chant" and "Someone to Watch Over Me". Over the past months, the Stage Band had become a favorite at R.H.S. A beginning band student, Tracy Ballard stated, "They are really neat to listen to!" Along with playing with the Concert Band, the Stage Band has also given concerts at the Civic Center in Minden, collecting fans wherever they go. "They're really great!" said Junior Randy Clark.

In May, the pace picked up even more. The band played for Ringgold's graduation as well as graduation exercises at Gibson-Coleman High. They also took part in "Slabtown" festivities. The new ideas and techniques Mr. Young has taught the band this year has opened new doors to the members. With hard work and effort, he has made the band members believe in themselves and their music.

Senior Missy Self said, "He's really been good for the band". Junior Vickie Walker, a flute player, stated, "He's very caring and dedicated." A new sense of pride is giving band members more motivation than ever! Next year, the band promises to compete with other bands, and to give more spectacular shows. As Michele Eton said, "It's really worth all the hard work. It's something you can really count on!!

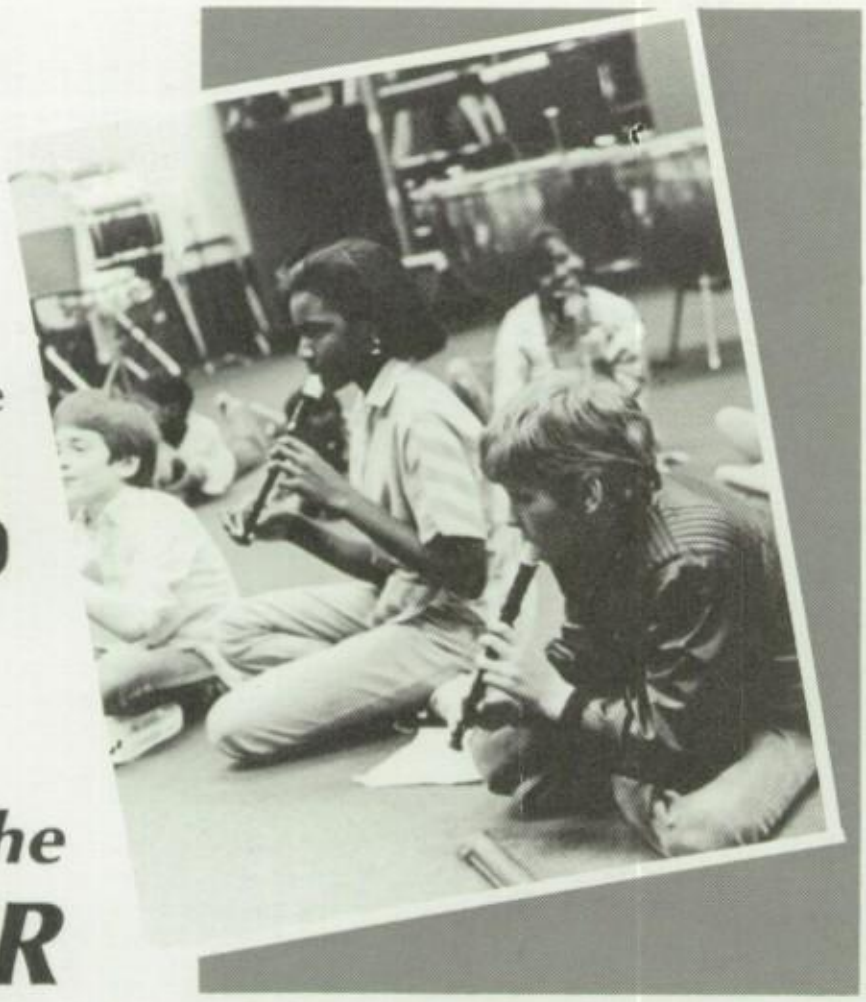
The nervous look on Janice Bell's face is common for all the band members during the half time performance.

Mr. Charles Young, Row one- Sandy Salter, Tanya Woodall, Mitzi Nielson, Cassandra Cook, Tammy Scott, Morristene Shepherd, Vickie Walker, Devon Walsh, Michelle LeDoux, Karen Ratcliff, Melanie Boyet, Tyrette Kennedy Row two- Michael Martin, Roderick Reliford, Terris Powell, Sheletha Stafford, Jackie Mosley, Sharron Ashley, Janita Reliford, Leslie Sanders, Patricia Lemke, Tallie Higginbotham, Bonney Lemke, Nicole Tingle Row three- Donna Frost, Brian LeDoux, Frederick Braggs, Angela Morgan, Tammy Hennigan, Brandy Leon, Reba Tipton, Carla Kennedy, Holly Hillier, Renee Miles, Naomi Wyatt Row four- Rhonda Reinstrein, Tracy Ballard, Demetrius Moore, Janice Bell, Melanie Taylor, Kristine Harper, Roberta Lemke, Graham Bloxom, Cathy Sheffield, Brian Warren, Casey Phillips, Russell Clifton Row five- Lance Brock, Richie Blue, Shane Waites, Eric Bates, Wayne Bridges, Jay Phillips, Paul Hillier, Shanon Kelly, Robbie Richardson, Candace Posey

Row one- Shane Waites, Wayne Bridges, Reba Tipton, Holly Hillier, Janita Reliford, Carla Kennedy, Melanie Boyet, Tyrette Kennedy Row two- Roderick Reliford, Frederick Braggs, Jackie Mosley, Graham Bloxom, Michelle LeDoux Row three- Jay Phillips, Paul Hillier, Cathy Sheffield, Mr. Charles Young

Lead by drum major Curlie Rambo the RHS band marches around the track with pride in their eyes.

Elementary recorders practice diligently in hopes of making the beginning band next year.



Right: A mannequin? No, just Julie Bernard during a performance at the Homecoming game.
Below: The flute solo "Concertina" is flawlessly performed by first chair flutist Tyrette Kennedy.

"Music shoud be taught early."

The Sooner The BETTER

This year, for the first time, elementary students were allowed to take music classes under the high school band director, Mr. Young. "Music should be taught early," commented Mr. Young. The fifth and sixth graders were recruited to study and practice for one hour each week.

Mr. Young has been teaching the children how to play instruments called recorders. The classes have bravely made special appearances in the concert season playing such tunes as "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". The elementary students are very enthusiastic about having this opportunity. Sixth grader, Jimmy Plunkett said, "Music is very interesting!"Mary Blake added, "Mr. Young is very funny.I like the classes because you learn about music!" While some boys enjoy the class, the majority of class participants were girls.

Mr. Young stated, "The purpose of giving elementary classes is so that they will learn about music and perhaps get in band later on." The elementary students have enjoyed their classes and Mr. Young. Tameka Hardman said, "He's very jolly!" Who knows? With a little time and practice, these students could become future members of the R.H.S. Band!!

Above Left: A broken forearm doesn't stop saxaphonist Shane Waites from keeping up with his practice schedule.

In spite of the efforts of the wind to blow them away Bonney Lemke, Tammy Hennigan, and Brandy Leon do their best to see through the outdoor pep rally performance.

The percussion section, led off by bass drummer Kevin Hullaby, lend their beat to the outdoor pep rally.

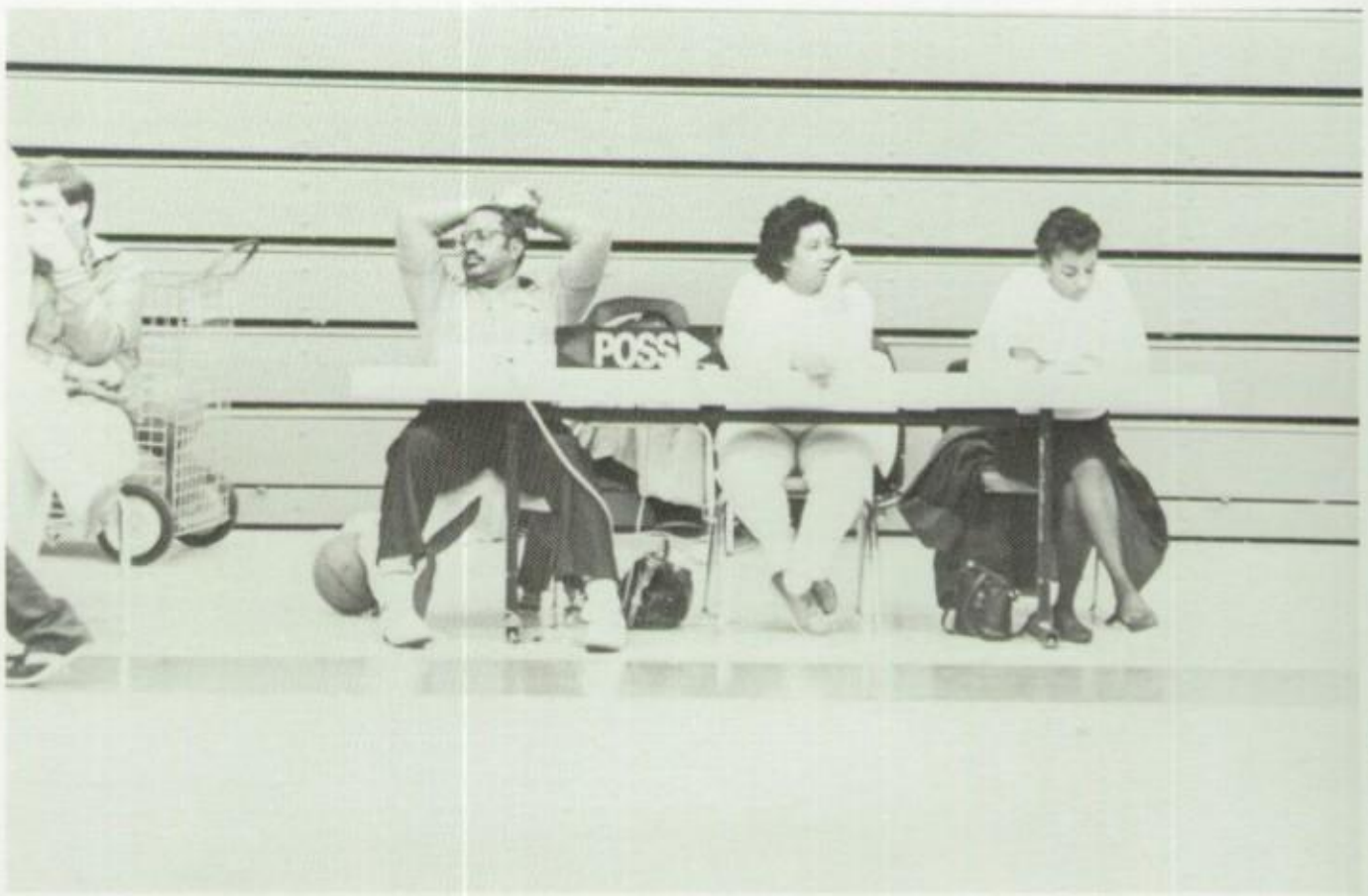
The trumpet solo in "Sinatra in Concert" is carried off in style by Rhonda Tipton.

With his characteristically smooth delivery,Frederick Braggs presents the trombone solo in "Sinatra in Concert."

Oops! A dropped baton is retrieved by Nicole Tingle during the Bienville Parish Fair parade while Tiffany McGregor, Erin Joyner and Kristine Harper continue with the routine.

It's a heavy lift for Senior Cedrick Reliford in the high school lift-a-thon but he has a lot of support and encouragement around him.

Come on team, let's give the scorekeepers something to keep them occupied before Mr. Simon and Mrs. Hamilton give up and fall asleep.



Proudly displaying his school spirit, Senior Russell Flint waves the RHS flag up and down the sidelines.

Sports

The resurrection of the Lift-a-Thon proved to be a valuable fund-raising event for the RHS Athletic Department this past year.

A total of 15 lifters raised close to $750 to help meet budgetary expenses that were incurred during the off-season.

Athletes and physical education class members solicited pledges from sponsors for a certain amount for every pound lifted in a maximum lift on the bench press. Maximum attempts for the lifters were held in the gymnasium in front of 250 students and the results were fantastic.

Senior Louis Hamilton paced all lifters with a 300-pound effort, followed by Junior Taurus Johnson with a 280-pound clearance. Others lifts included Cortez Hardman (220), Vincent King (220), Terry Collins (220), Mark Owens (200), Jimmy Lester (200), Ronald McClain (200), Stacey Woodall (185), Eddy Meyers (185), Roderick Llorens (185), and Richard Warren (175).

The RHS Athletic Department wished to thank everyone who participated in and supported this worthwhile effort.

One Step Closer

Team Wins First Playoff Game.

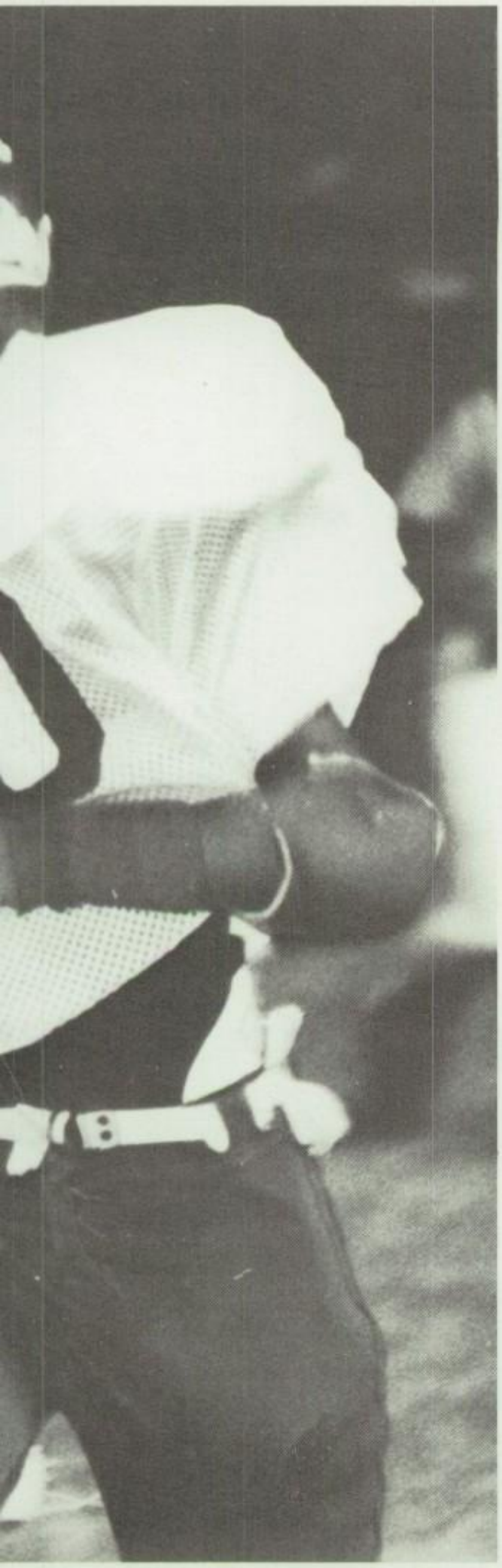
RHS is #1! This favorite cheer of students at Ringgold came true during football season this year when the Redskins became the 1987 District 1-A Champions for the first time ever with a district record of 5-0. Gaining the Championship made the student body and the entire Ringgold community come alive with excitement!

The Redskins had to win all five of their District games to become the champions but the most memorable game and the biggest upset was the game against St. Mary's of Natchitoches. St. Mary boasted a 67 district game winning streak which the Redskins brought to an end with a 13-8 victory.

The Redskins' season got off to a rough start losing 3 games before tackling any district matches. The team came alive during district play, however, and so did the fans. The district games were filled with Redskin spirit by the players, students, Quarterback Club and community fans. This spirit grew as the Redskins made it to the State Playoffs for the second time. In the first playoff game, the Redskins avenged an early season loss by defeating parish rival, Arcadia 14-8. When asked how it felt to beat Arcadia, Brian Mason answered, "It felt great. Our win avenged us from the embarrassment we had by letting them beat us in the first game of the season. We had to redeem ourselves." This victory sent the team on to the regional playoff game against Ouachita Christian of Monroe. Ouachita won that night and made it all the way to the state finals but lost the title game to Haynesville.

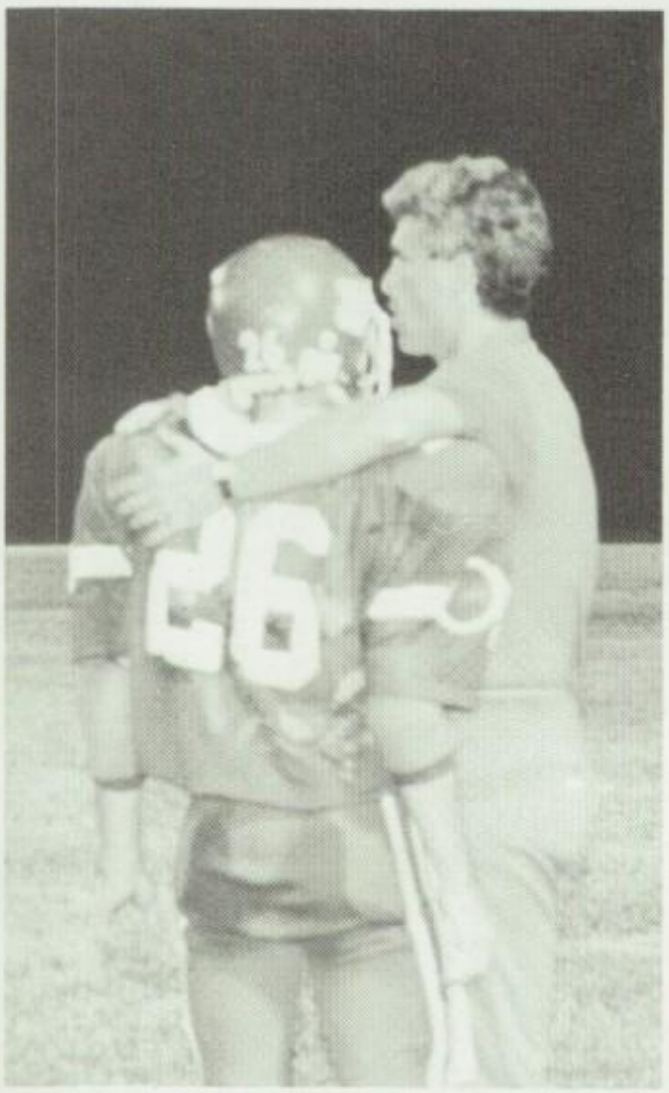
The Redskins finished the season with an overall record of 8-4, and with a surge of pride and spirit that will hopefully carry over to next year's season.

Craig Watts manager, front row: Victor Theus, Louis Hamilton, Taurus Johnson, Anthony Roberson, Malcolm Wilson, Phillip King, Chris Grisby, Corey Golatt, and Hayward Adams; second row: Coach Sherman Simon, Brian Mason, LaDonzia Glover, Trent Holman, Lester Gipson, David Sanders, Brad Sams, Joe Woodall, Roderick Llorens, and Coach Larry Reeder; third row: Coach Barry Plunkett, Lester McGee, Lance Brock, Lance Hunt, Dale Davis, Mark Owens, Greg Hunt, Craig Bumgardner, and Aaron Thrower; back row: Timmy Moore, Tim Quaid, Taiten Salter, Brian Hulion, Ben Wimberly, Wayne Bridges, Donald Marler, Nat Coe, and Head Coach David Kidd.



Touchdown! The Redskins gain 6 as LaDonzia Glover crosses the goal line.

Before executing the next play, Head Coach David Kidd talks it over with Senior Ronnie Woodall.



Football

Won - 8 Lost - 4

RHS		OPP
13	Arcadia	27
27	North DeSoto	7
20	Coushatta	22
27	Farmerville	28
38	Cotton Valley	16
30	*Country Day	0
33	*Sarepta (HC)	0
13	*St. Mary	8
40	*Logansport	6
34	*Montgomery	7
	State Playoffs	
14	Arcadia	8
6	Ouachita Christian	36

Practice is necessary to play well in each game so Coach Kidd gives Sophomore Nat Coe his undivided attention as he demonstrates proper form.

With a wild burst of energy the Redskins break their run-through and hit the field ready to go against Country Day of Shreveport.

Before throwing the football, Sophomore Greg King looks for an open man while Sophomore Timmy Moore blocks the opponent from quarterback Greg King.

Top Honors

Nine Make All-District

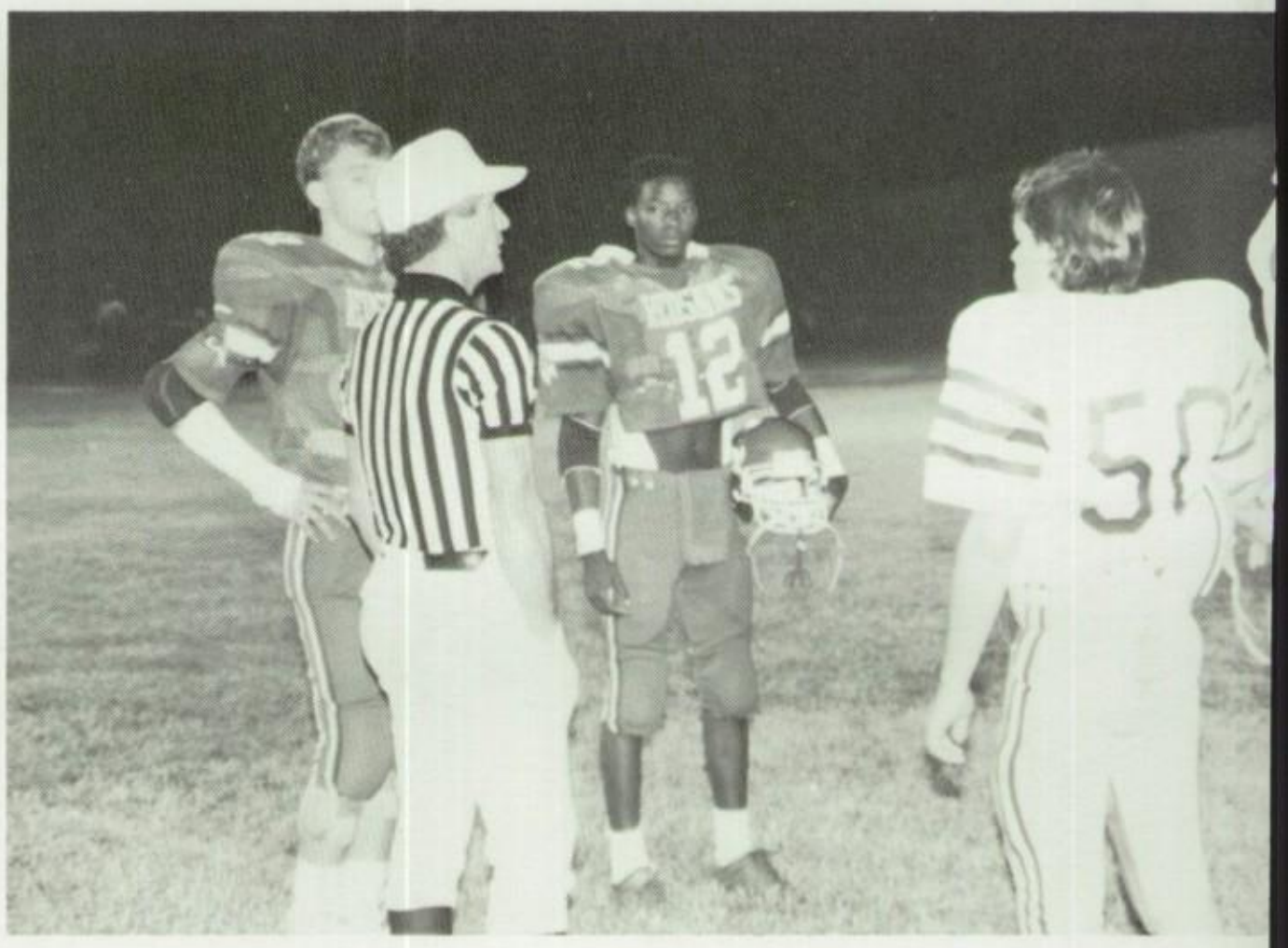
When the 1987-88 football All-District honors were announced, Ringgold High School was able to claim nine first-team members, the best showing ever for our school. Sophomore Timmy Moore held the position of running back on the All-District first-team offense. Timmy's season record of 1,337 yards gained him the honor of being named Outstanding Offensive Player. The other players on first-team offense were Junior tackle Taiten Salter and Senior guard, Lester Gibson. Taiten and Lester also shared the honor of being named to both the offensive and defensive first teams when they were recognized as defensive tackle and defensive end, respectively. There were also four other Redskins on the All-District first-team defense this year, Senior Brian Mason was named defensive end, Ronnie Woodall as linebacker, and Juniors Roderick Llorens and Phillip King were placed as defensive backs.

On All-District second team offense Senior Brad Sams was named to center position. Besides taking a position on the second team, Brad was also named to the Academic All-State team for class A. Out of the four classes they choose a composite winner and Brad also received that award. To be qualified for this award, you must be a senior football player with excellent grades and be chosen for the All-District team. Junior Roderick Llorens took a place as running back on the second team also.

Honorable mention was given to Senior Trent Holman as offensive end, Sophomore Greg King as quarterback and Sophomore Hayward Adams as linebacker.

While every player is important to the team's performance, the All-District players deserve special recognition and congratulation on their accomplishments.

Ready to score more points for the Redskins, Junior Roderick Llorens takes advantage of an open space.

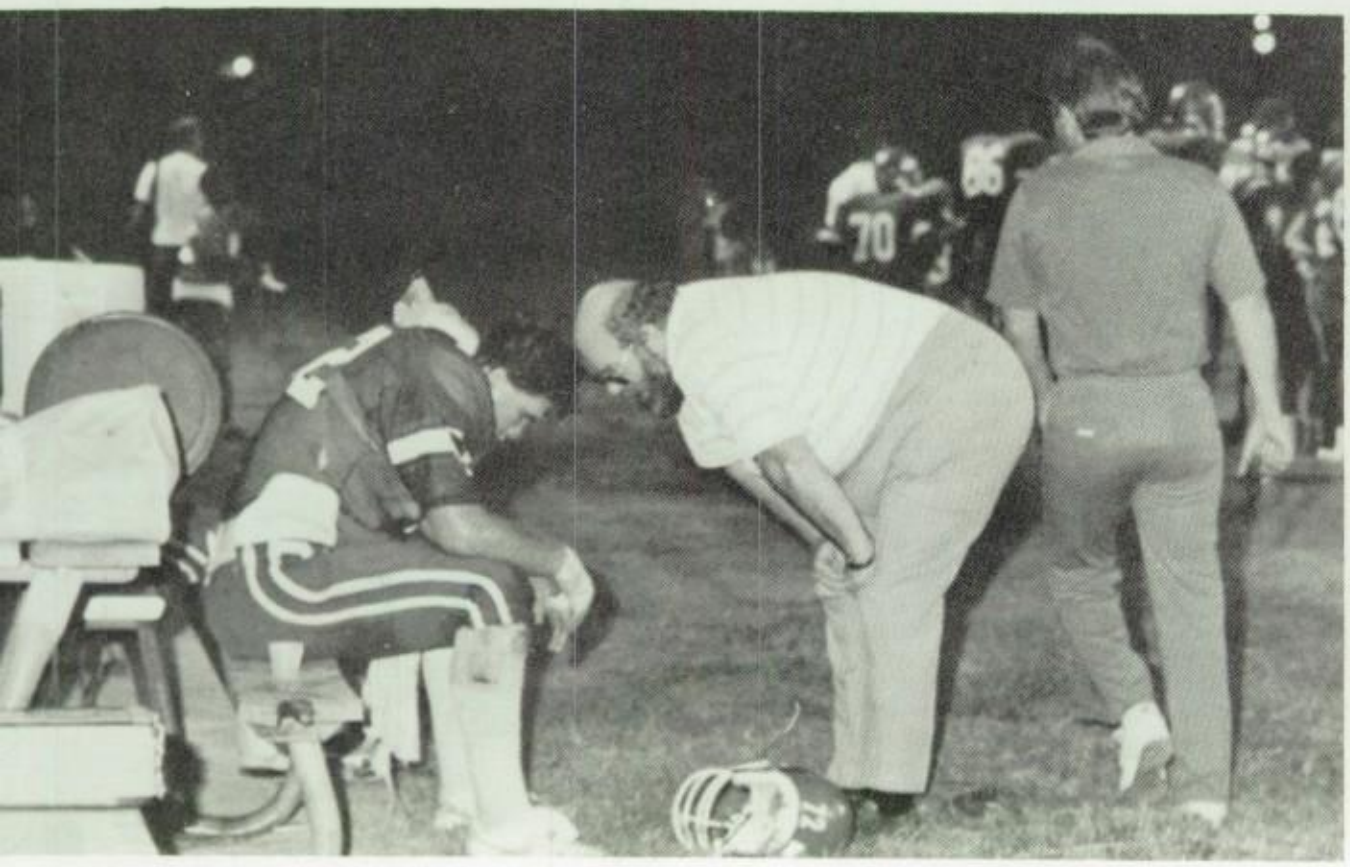


Senior captains Brad Sams and Trent Holman meet in the center of the field with the opposing captains to see who wins the coin toss

One of Sophomore Timmy Moore's 27 regular game season touchdowns is in the making as he heads across the goal line during the game against Montgomery.

To keep Ouachita's quarterback from throwing the ball Senior Lester Gibson charges in for a block.

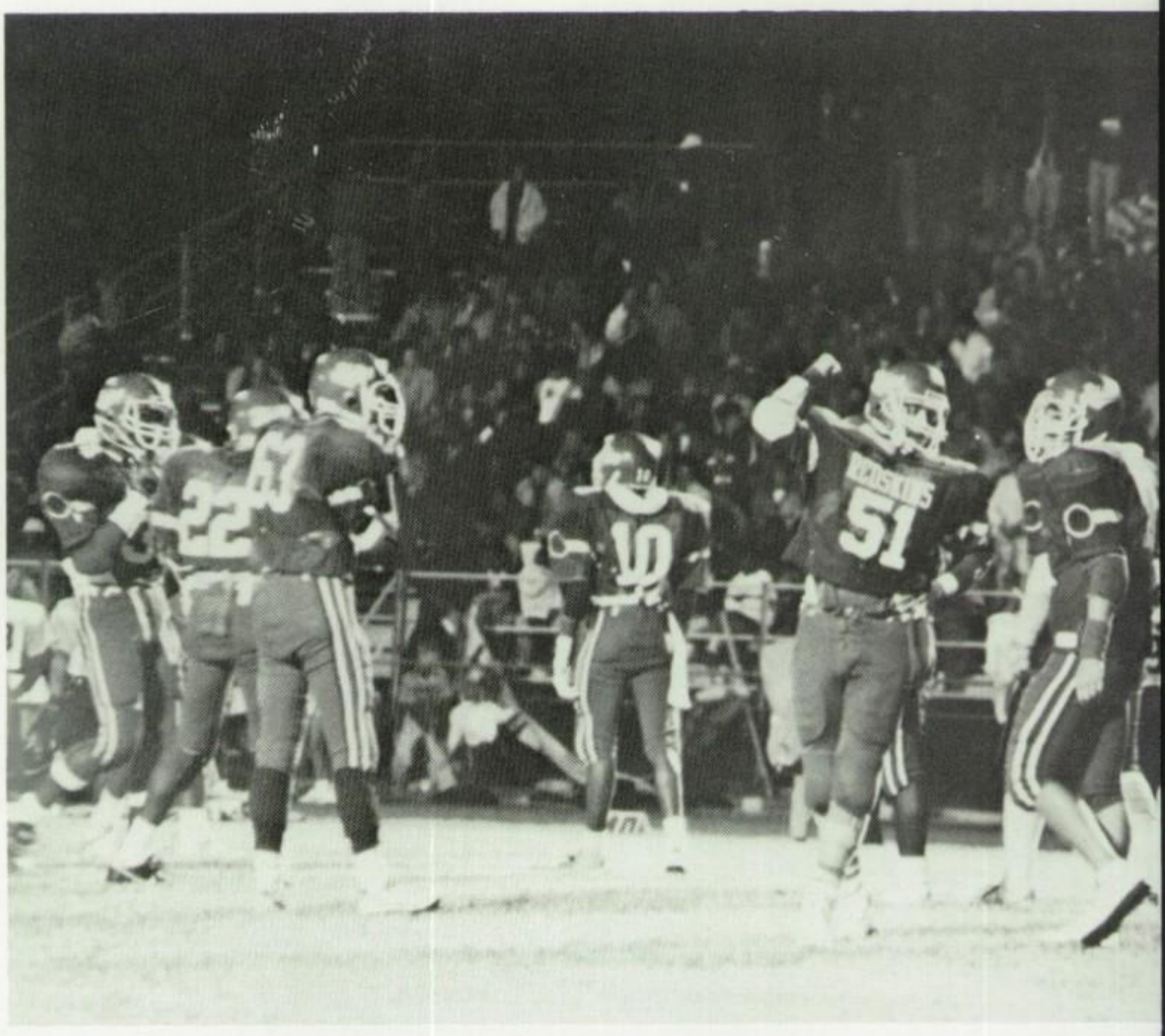
All-District first team defensive end Brian Mason tries to keep the opponent from progressing up the field.

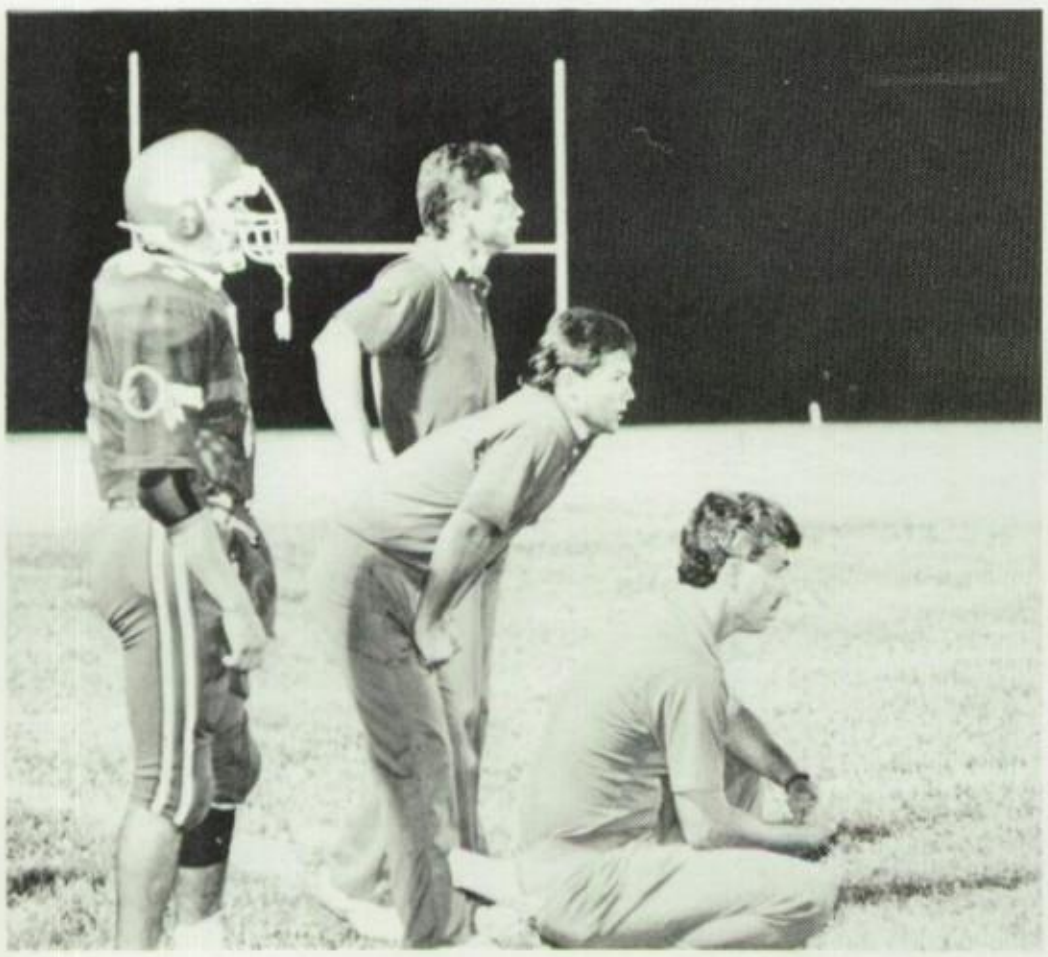


Prepared to help at every game, Ringgold physician Dr. G. Bell talks with injured Junior Taiten Salter while Coach Plunkett assists.

The call was in our favor! Senior Brad Sams reacts while other team members wait to continue the game.

To prepare for the game each week the Redskins work out on the practice field so Junior Phillip King practices carrying ball upfield for an imaginary touchdown.





Anxiously lined up to check out the situation, Coaches Larry Reeder, Barry Plunkett, David Kidd, and Senior Donald Marler await the referee's decision.

To allow the ball carrier to gain yards, Hayward Adams stops the opponents from Montgomery while Timmy Moore fakes others

Quarterback Keith Collier looks for an open receiver to complete a pass to a team member.

Football

Won-6 Lost-2

0	Haynesville	8
28	Sarepta	6
32	Logensport	14
8	North DeSoto	0
14	Springville	22
24	Campti	6

The Junior High football team had another good season competing in the North Four League. They placed second this year in League competition. They won six games and only lost two. Their wins can attributed to hard work and good coaching. Shown here Coach Simon and Coach Hays give the players last minute instructions before going on the field.

fter the kickoff, Kenneth Mingo attempts to gain yards for his eam while Chris Conly prepares to block.

Front row: Kenneth Lawe, Casey Phillips, Chris Whiteman, Brent Reliford; second row: Monroe Huckaby, Larry Cook, Baron McGee; third row: Jay Phillips, Tyson Salter, Scott Bates, Cliff Long; fourth row: Jason Lee, Chris Llorens, Anthony Hullaby, Jonathan Golatt, Eddy Garner; fifth row: Leonard Cunningham, Anthony Cook, Keith Collier, Troy Cook, Henry Brown; back row: Jason Bass, Brian Whitfield, James Rambo, Chris Conly, Kenneth Mingo, and Tony Reliford

Two Of A Kind

Cunningham And Hill

It was a tough, uphill battle across the court for the RHS basketball team this year. Chris Hill and Stanley Cunningham, both juniors, helped the Redskins recuperate from a relatively slow start in the early season to finish up with an 8-2 district record (16-13 overall). Making All-District, Stanley averaged 15 points per game while Chris averaged 12. Both players were the leading rebounders for the season. Stanley said "It was really easy for me because I'm the tallest person on the team and I felt it was my duty." Stanley and Chris weren't the only pairs who helped the mid-season up-swing. Brothers Phillip and Greg King came into the season late because they were involved in playoff games in football, and their presence aided the team effort and led to an overall improved performance. Phillip King stated, "My brother and I are sort of like co-captains, we try to spark the team with a lot of speed and quickness on the court."

The year turned out well for the team, but there were several games which provided some extra exciting moments. The 'Skins had an impressive victory over Doyline with a score of 83-75. They also scored a 61-55 victory over Sibley and an exciting mid-season match over Cedar Creek, 66-63.

In the final week of the season, the team was notified that they would have a spot in the district playoffs. In spite of their playoff loss to Grambling, the Redskins finished the season with a winning record.

Head coach Floyd Pate has already set his sights on the 88-89 season when the majority of his players will be seniors. There are several areas Coach Pate feels the team needs to work on to improve their standing next year. He commented, "We really need to work extremely hard on defense!" Player Tony Johnson agreed and said, "Defense is what we really need to work on." Looking forward, Coach Pate concluded, "With the help of the rest of the returning team including Malcom Wilson, Bobby Pate, Ken Whitfield, and Corey Golatt we should have our sights set for the playoffs again."

With skill and style, Stanley Cunningha shoots for 3 points.

"Now you go out there and score some points!" demands Coach Pate during a time-out.

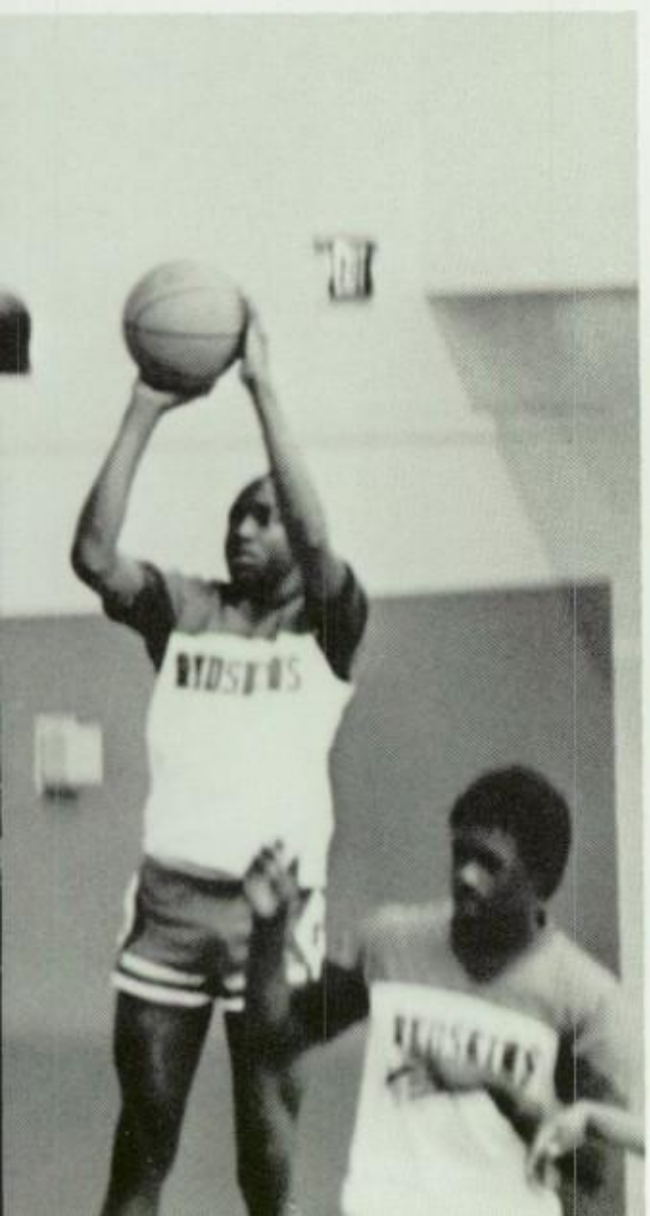
As he works his way to the goal, Greg Ki weaves through the other team members.

With the crowd yelling "Jump up Tony, jump up," Tony Johnson makes a leap for the ball.

Basketball

Won-15 **Lost-13**

Redskins		Opponent
57	Bienville	72
65	Saline	94
42	Castor	47
33	Sibley	56
62	Castor	62
70	Saline	76
41	Sibley	77
56	Castor	52
52	Coushatta	54
48	Coushatta	77
53	Homer	45
53	Saline	71
53	Hall Summit	58
61	Homer	49
64	St. Mary's	68
95	Sarepta	42
61	Hall Summit	50
65	Logansport	60
68	Country Day	53
74	Montgomery	59
54	Country Day	58
93	Sarepta	55
75	St. Mary's	71
72	Logansport	58
80	Montgomery	55
61	Sibley	55
83	Doyline	75
66	Cedar Creek	63
70	Grambling	83



In a pre-game warm-up, Chris Hill tries a three pointer.

Front: Steven Pate and Robert Hays (managers)
Middle: Greg King, Ken Whitfield, Phillip King, Brian Whitfield, Aaron Thrower.
Back: Coach Floyd Pate, Keith Collier, Bobby Pate, Chris Hill, Stanley Cunningham, Tony Johnson, Malcom Wilson, Jonathon Lloyd, Corey Golatt.

The Key To Success

Is Leadership And Integrity.

"Leadership was the key!" said Head Coach Willard Moore when asked about the girls' Basketball team's progress in '87-88.

With little experience coming back from last year's team but great leadership, the Lady Redskins made it to the playoffs. Having a district record of 6-4 (13-16 overall) the Lady Redskins were defeated in the playoffs by East Beauregard- the state runner-up. The coach seemed most impressed by the dedication and integrity of the seniors.

At the beginning of the season the team members, while not very well prepared, did an impressive job throughout every game. By the end of the season, Senior Janet Brackens was named to the All-District team and said, "It feels wonderful since it was my first year." Trenia Hill , also a senior, made All-District and set the school record by shooting 62 'three-pointers'. "I was really impressed with myself and the team this year during the Basketball season. I was also very honored to be chosen All-District," she commented.

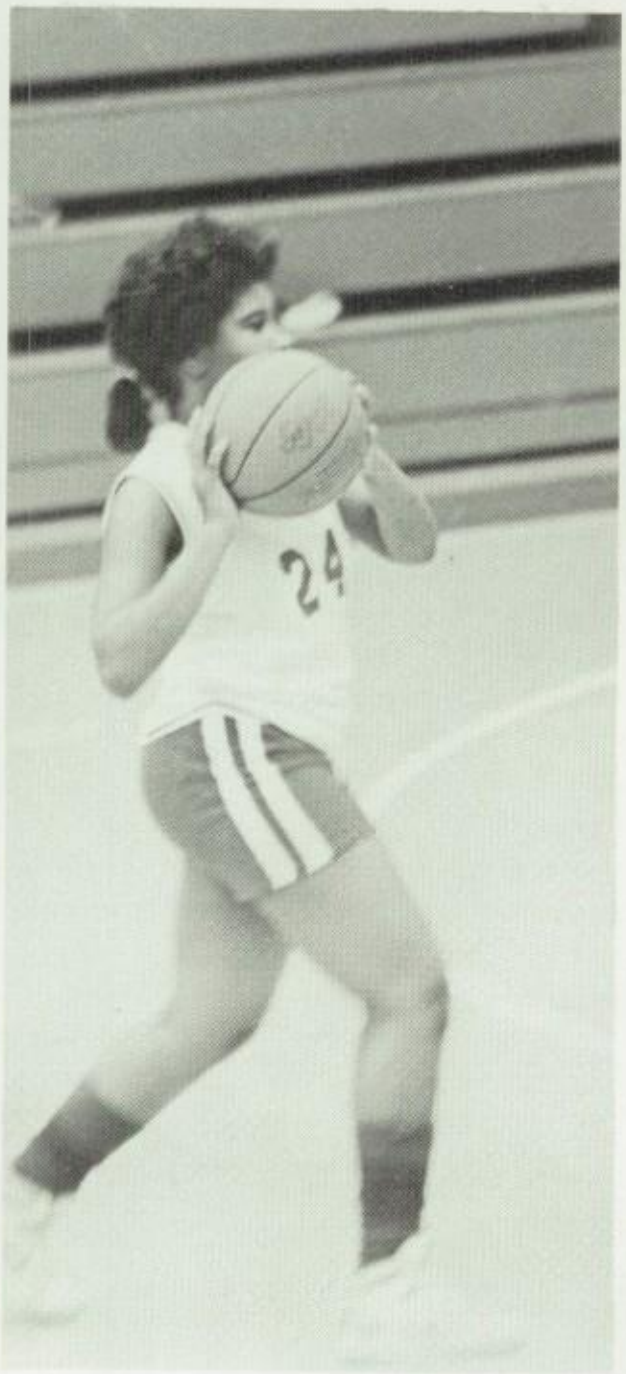
This year was overall a great season for the girls. After losing a number of games in the first part of the season, the Lady Redskins had an exciting winning streak starting with a 14 point victory over St. Mary's and a close call 45-43 win over Hall Summitt.

Coach Moore says he will miss the seniors who are leaving but will enjoy a few players moving up. Hopefully, next year's season will be a victorious one.

Front: Janet Brackens, Katina Shaw, Tammy Scott, Tonya Patterson, Trenia Hill. Back: Rebecca Moore, Dita Bethune, Miriam Chase, LaShunda Whitfield, Ericka Ashley.

Heads up down court! Katina Shaw fires off a long range pass.

While concentrating on the game, Tammy Scott stays on the alert for a chance to make her move.



Opposing teams had reason to fear Janet Brackens deadly accurate passing.

Basketball

Won-13 **Lost-15**

Redskins		Opponent
46	Bienville	49
37	Martin	51
43	Castor	57
48	Sibley	27
35	Castor	54
38	Saline	36
38	Castor	58
40	Sibley	32
46	Martin	43
29	Country Day	48
38	Coushatta	44
38	Homer	53
37	Saline	33
42	Hall Summit	30
30	Homer	34
53	St. Mary's	37
59	Sarepta	43
45	Hall Summit	43
36	Logansport	44
42	Country Day	66
39	Montgomery	47
35	Country Day	51
45	Sarepta	35
35	St. Mary's	23
51	Logansport	40
48	Montgomery	45
45	Montgomery	70
41	East Beauregard	74

the final few seconds of the game, Allison Vimberly and Coach Moore try to come to a efinate decision on the next play.

With little or no regard for the efforts of the opposing player, Rebecca Moore gets ready to make her move.

Hard Work

"Oh what a feeling!" Michael Jackson gracefully leaps up to tip in the ball.

From his spot on the free-throw line, Brian Whitfield takes careful aim at the goal.

Results In A Winning Team.

With a record of 8-3, the eighth grade boys basketball team had an outstanding season. The team scored an average of 50.3 points per game and won a second place trophy at a tournament in Logansport.

"Overall, we had a good season because we had a great bunch of kids, and that will definitely help the high school team in the next few years." explained Coach Plunkett.

Brian Whitfield was the leading scorer but scoring was balanced throughoout the season. Their best scoring effort was in a losss to North DeSoto. The team was 17 pts. down at half time but managed to cut the score to 1 and ended up losing by 4. This year was also the first time RHS has beaten Central in 5 years, and they even beat them twice!

The players on the team worked very hard and their hard work paid off!

Front row: Shunda Davis, Katina Shaw, Tonya Patterson Back: Jasmine Alford, Deborah Carter, Rebecca Moore, Lisa Madden, Melissa Reliford.

Front row: Kevin Morgan, Brian LeDoux, Jamie Myers, Nathan Gipson
Back: Shane Bates, Cliff Long, Eric Thomas, Tyrone Mingo, Anthony Hullaby, Jason Lee not pictured: Chris Whitman

Basketball

Won-14 Lost-17

RHS		Opponent
	8th GRADE BOYS	
37	Arcadia	28
51	Princeton	52
55	Doyline	17
39	Central	57
54	Logansport	46
43	DeSoto	47
54	Central	39
45	Arcadia	32
45	Bienville	33
64	Bienville	48
66	Central	55
31	Athens	67
	7th GRADE BOYS	
30	Arcadia	20
36	Central	32
48	Doyline	41
26	Central	36
4	Central	24
12	Arcadia	24
17	Doyline	40
	7th GRADE GIRLS	
RHS		Opponent
11	Arcadia	17
4	Webster	20
16	Doyline	22
8	Central	42
20	DeSoto	26
7	Central	30
5	Arcadia	11
22	Bienville	25
24	Bienville	17
22	Doyline	12
37	Gibsland	20
28	Saline	30

In hot pursuit, Brian LeDoux chases his opponent to try to get possession of the ball.

Front row: LaJuan Weathers, Larry Cook, Shannon Cole
Middle: Chris Conly, Troy Cook, Leonard Cunningham, Chris Llorens, Michael Jackson
Back row: James Rambo, Brian Whitfield, Anthony Cook, Keith Collier.

Joy and happiness are very much in evidence when the girls win another close and exciting game!

Awesome Is The Name

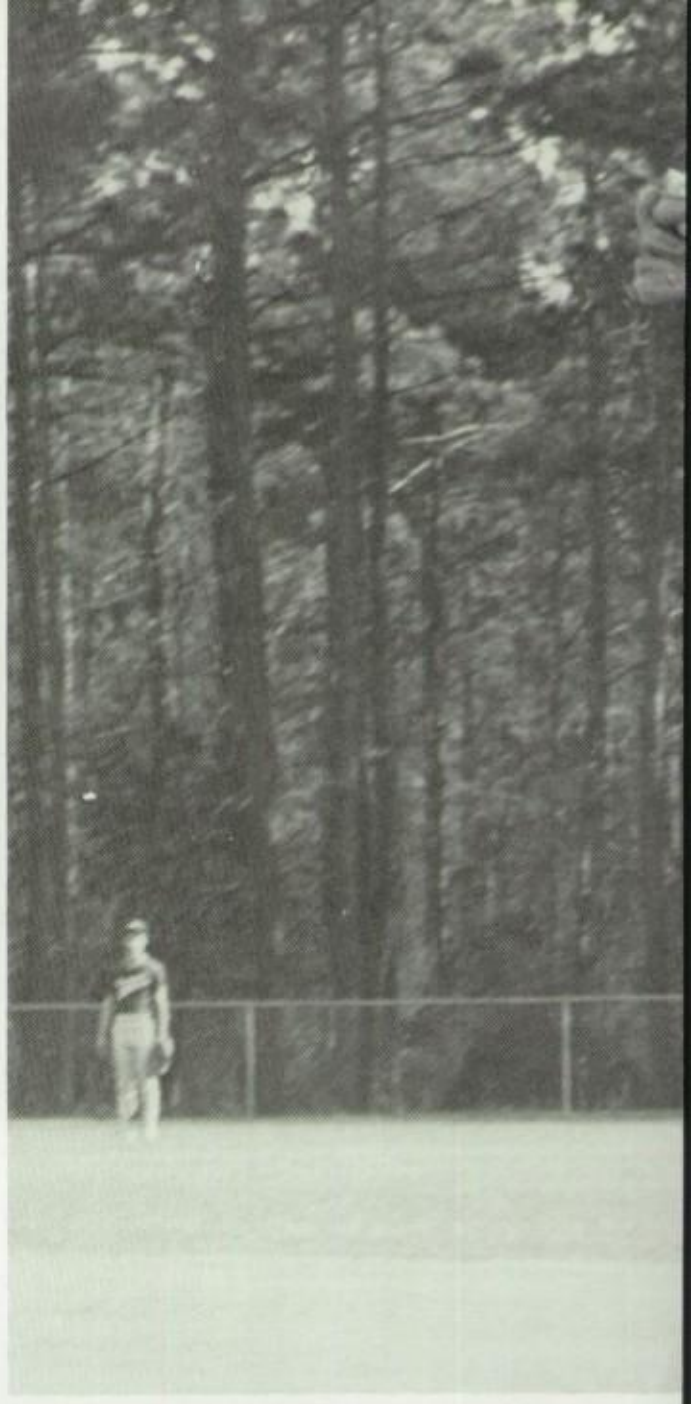
Baseball Is The Game

If you missed baseball season, you missed it all. This year's season was a huge success! While making an exciting string of eight straight victories, RHS caught a few eyes.

"Of all my high school years, this baseball season was definately the best," said Senior Brad Sams. This year was not totally built on luck, however. The team worked hard in practice and worked especially hard during each game. Victories were won by a great team effort. Three players had outstanding batting averages which helped the team a lot. Sophomore Greg King averaged .485, Senior Brian Mason .447, and Senior Brad Sams .371.

The hardest fought game of the '88 season was the home game against Montgomery. The Redskins had to battle their way through a 10 inning game. At the bottom of the 7th inning, the game was tied up. In an extra three innings RHS went down with a score of 6-4. "This was our first game to lose and it was very disappointing!" commented Taiten Salter.

This was the best overall baseball season for the Redskins since 1981 and was highlighted by an eight game winning streak. By season's end, four players were named to the All District teams. Greg King made first team All District infield and Brad Sams second team. For outfield, Brian Mason made first team All District and Jason Parkman was awarded Honorable Mention. Coach Walter Hays concluded, "Baseball season was very satisfying and I hope it will be even better in the years to come!"



Even though the offical call by the referee was "You're Out," Sophomore Graham Bloxam could not believe his eyes.

I'm tired and I want to go home! Sophomore Greg King has had it for this ball game.

Another awesome catch for Senior Brad Sams.

A quick pep talk from Coach Pate helps Senior Scot Whiteman psych himself up for the next play.

Baseball

Won-10 Lost-2		
10	Coushatta	7
9	Arcadia	2
6	Gramling	4
14	Caster	2
19	Gibs-Col.	5
11	Country Day	0
14	Gibs-Col.	8
0	St. Mary	13
10	Logansport	6
4	Montgomery	6
10	Country Day	5
10	Logansport	5
7	Montgomery	8

The Redskins number one pitcher, Senior Brian Mason, is shown doing what he does best.

(Kneeling)- Manager-James Fowler; LaDonzia Glover; Craig Bumgardener; Scot Whiteman; Greg Hunt; Brent Mason; Graham Bloxam; Greg King; Standing- Statistician- Melanie Boyet; Brian Mason; Ernest Woodard; Goran Goranovic; Aaron Thrower; Jason Parkman; Robert Hays; Brian Hulion; Taiten Salter; Brad Sams; Statistician- Carla Kennedy.

Four Leaf Clovers

Would Have Helped Alot!

It was a hard luck season for the girls' softball team this year. Between the rained out games, injuries, and the search for a new pitcher, the girls were often discouraged but never lost their spirit.

The season started out with a lot of girls coming to try out with the new coach, Barry Plunkett. The coach pared the number down from 25 to 13. "This was the most I've ever seen come out!" commented Missy Self.

In the course of the season, two games were rained out and bad luck continued to dog the team's tracks when an injury forced the team to play one game with only 8 players. This was the same game for which the players had to hitch a ride to and from the game on the opposing team's bus because RHS didn't have one available.

One of the season's most heart-breaking games was the 13-12 loss to Castor. At the end of 5 innings, when the Lady Redskins and the referees believed the game to be over and won, Castor called for two additional innings. The 7th inning concluded with a tied score but the tie breaking inning saw the team go down by one. Coach Plunkett said, "I really hated we lost to Castor but with a few breaks in the last inning we could have won. We had too many mental mistakes. Castor would not play a re-match!"

In spite of the bad luck the girls managed to keep their spirits up throughout the season and enjoy themselves. Before next season they may all go out and buy a rabbit's foot and find some four leaf clovers to turn their luck around.

From her position in the outfield, Melissa Salter fires the ball back in the infield.

Front: Jennifer Bass, Margaret Walker, Missy Self, Tammy Scott, Ericka Ashley, Reba Haynie
Middle: Tiffany McGregor, Kristie Garlington, Melissa Salter, Candice Westberry, Allison Oney, Kristy Cooper
Back: Dita Bethune, Allison Wimberly

In the blink of an eye, Missy Self winds up and pitches the ball.

It will be a long stretch for Kristie Garlington as she rushes to tag out her opponent.

Softball

Won-1 Lost-3		
RHS		Opponent
23	Webster	14
6	Sibley	15
12	Castor	13
7	Bienville	17

"Strike one." is called out as Ericka Ashley swings at the ball. That's all right Ericka, you still have two more chances!

"Swing that bat and bust that ball . . ." was an encouraging chant for Margaret Walker as she lets loose at the ball.

Under the watchful eyes of the first base referee, Allison Wimberly stretches to catch the ball and tries to make an out.

In a near "photo finish," Anthony Moore clearly shows the strain of his great effort on the final leg of the 400m. relay.

A PHOTO FINISH

A Heart-breaking 1/2 Point Loss

If it had been a horse race, it would have been a photo finish! The 1988 Redskin track team came as close to first place in district competition as it could possibly came and not actually win. Because of scoring rules, the number of teams participating, and a tied pole vault score, Ringgold came away from the district meet a heartbreaking 1/2 point away from the winning school and with a second place trophy. Nevertheless, the team qualified for the regional meet at Northwestern where, according to Coach Reeder, they put in their best performance of the season. Although they finished 3rd, seven team members qualified to take part in state competition in Baton Rouge: Ken Whitfield (800 meter run), Roderick Llorens, Rodney Scott, Malcolm Wilson, Anthony Moore, (400 meter relay) and Chris Hill (high jump).

Outstanding team members this year were Chris Hill, who set a new record in high jump (6'2") at the Haynesville Invitational meet and was named outstanding field event performer; and Ken Whitfield who was named outstanding track event performer for both school and district.

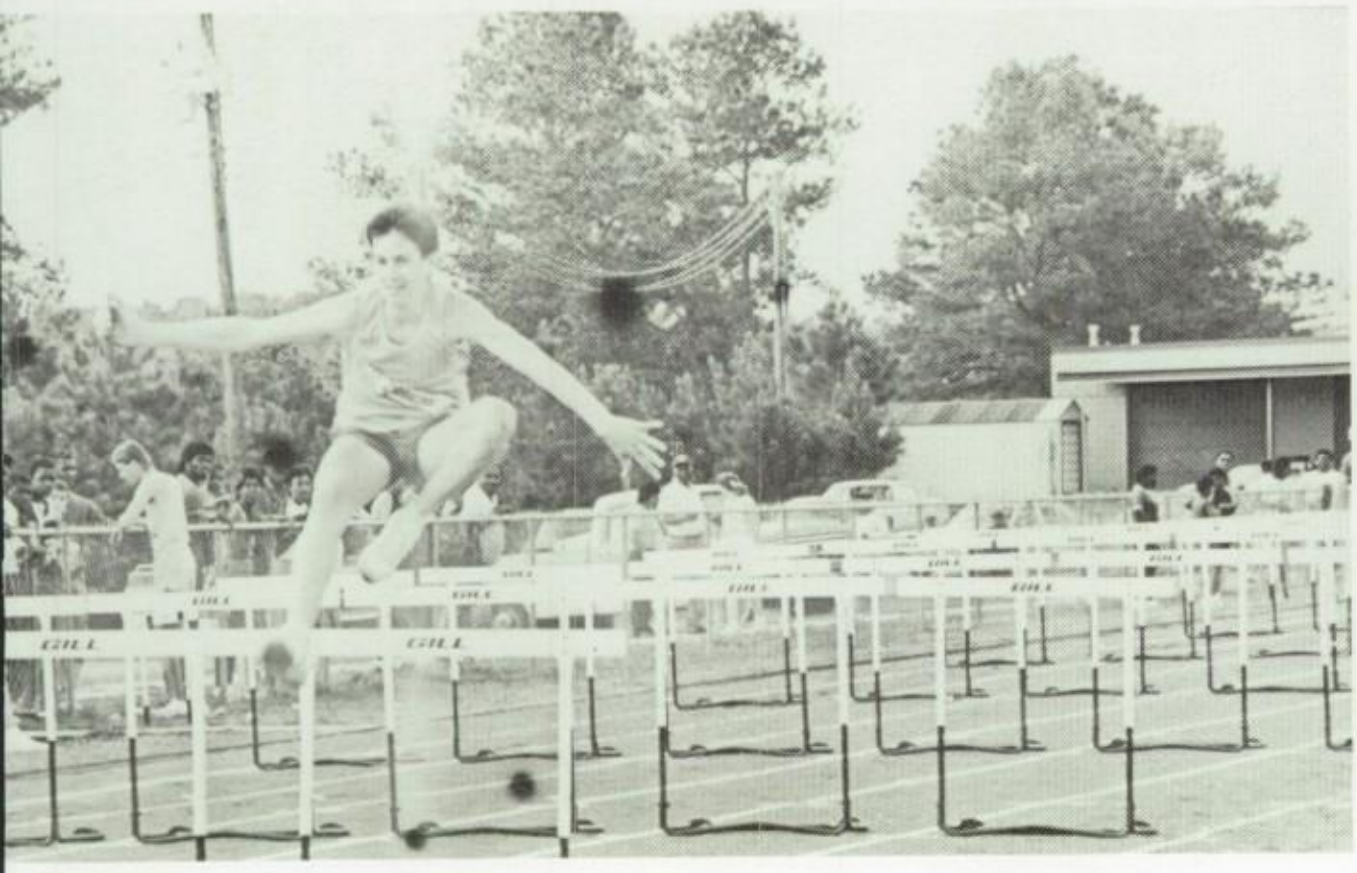
Other members of the track team were: Lester Gipson, Cedrick Reliford, Jonathon Lloyd, James Rambo, and Ronnie Woodall.

Feet flying and arms pumping, Roderick Llorens sprints for the second exchange point in the 400 meter relay.

As he nears the exchange point, Corey Golatt pushes himself to the limit to regain the lead in the 400 meter relay.

A breath-taking leap hurdles Cedrick Relifford to a winning finish.

Taut, strained muscles propel Kenneth Whitfield to a fast start in the 800 meter run.



After the highpoint of his pole vault, it's downhill all the way for Ronnie Woodall.

Well out ahead of the rest of the field, Jonathon Lloyd flies across the hurdles on his way to a first place finish.

In an attempt to maintain her lead, Renee Miles puts forth her last ounce of energy in the 800 meter relay.

A SLOW SEASON

But We'll Keep On Running

While the girls who participated did their best, it was a slow season for the Lady Redskin track team this year as they finished 3rd in parish and 4th in district competition. In spite of their district showing, two team members qualified for regional competition, Tammy Scott (200 meter dash and hurdles) and Laketcha Johnson (discus).

Other track members were: Kristy Glover, April Parks, Misty Barbo, Tee Tee Cook, Lisa Madden, Sandra Roberson, Shunda Davis and Veronica Moore.

Coach Bettie Weathers said that the team will be in the process of rebuilding for next year's season when, hopefully, all of the '88 team will return to the track for another try.

EVENT	CONTESTANT	TIME/DISTANCE	YEAR
800 Meter Relay	Hill, P., Moore, A. Loud, A., Scott, C.	1:30.4	1987
1600 Meter Run	Pat Morris	4:39.4	1986
	Darrin Iverson		1985
110 Meter Hurdles	David Haynie	14.94	1986
100 Meter Dash	Corey Scott	10.44	1986
800 Meter Run	Pat Morris	1:56.6	1986
400 Meter Relay	Moore, B., Anderson, C., Whitfield, D., Scott, C.	42.4	1986
400 Meter Dash	Pernell Hill	51.0	1987
200 Meter Dash	Corey Scott	21.66	1986
3200 Meter Run	Pat Morris	10:22	1986
1600 Meter Relay	Whitfield, D., Iverson, D.	3:25.15	1985
Shot Put	Russell Hullaby	49-9	1987
Discus	Russell Hullaby	137-0	1987
Javelin	Detra Whitfield	166-6	1986
Long Jump	Detra Whitfield	22-71/4	1986
Triple Jump	Pat Scott	43-6	1982
High Jump	Chris Hill	6.2	1988
Pole Vault	Todd Hunt	12-6	1987

Exhausted but determined to finish her race, Misty Barbo pushes on.

Poised and ready to run, Christy Glover awaits the starting gun in the 100m. dash.

Track

The Record

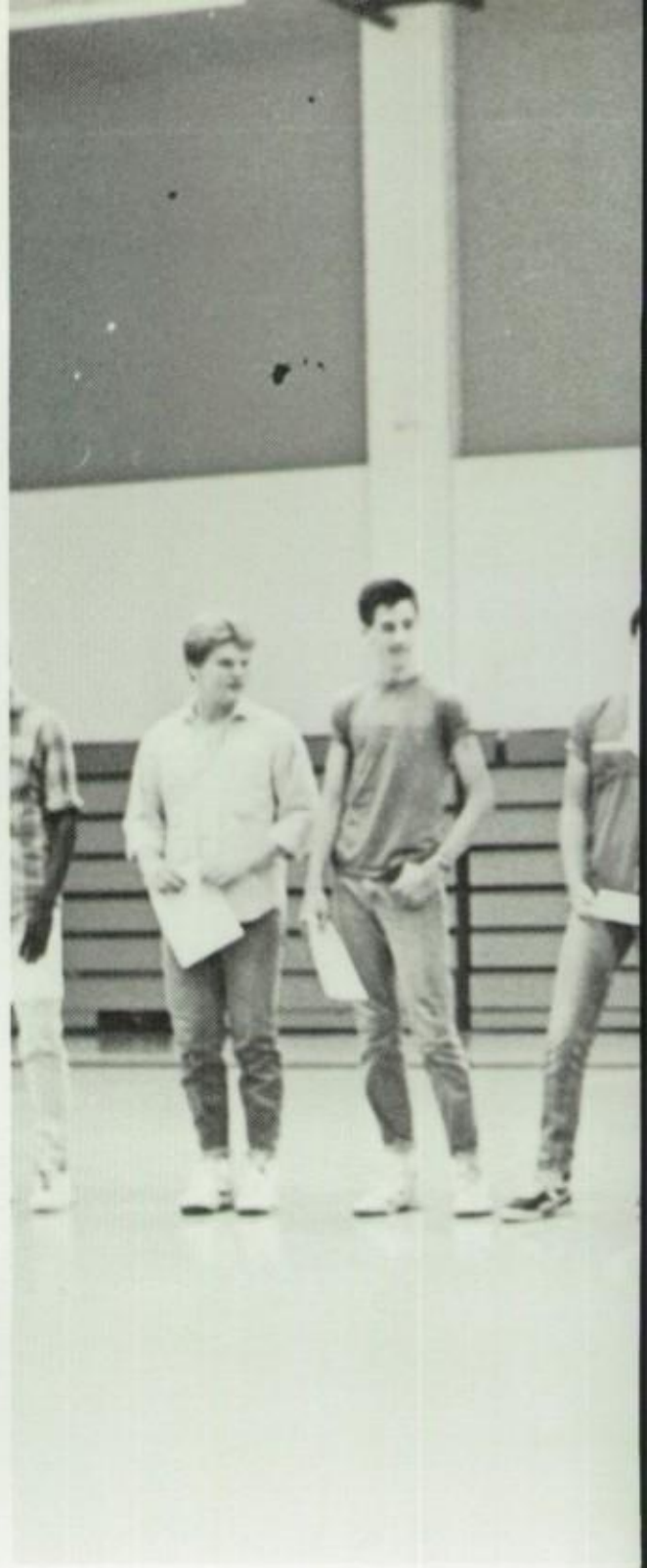
BOYS	
Mansfield	4th
Ringgold	3rd
Haynesville	4th
Springhill	6th
District	2nd
Regional	3rd
GIRLS	
Manfield	3rd
Ringgold	3rd
Springhill	3rd
District	3rd

gh above the rest, Tammy Scott flies over
e hurdles at the district track meet.

Baton ready, muscles tensed, Rosalyn Reliford mentally prepares herself for the relay race.

Basketball awards were handed out to team and staff members by Coach Pate.

Seven long years of perfect attendance gained Michelle Moore a plaque and special recognition by Mr. Jackson on Honor's Day.



Long hours of practice and a lot of hard work were recognized when Mrs. Weathers presented her junior high Cheerleaders with their awards.

A plaque recognizing retiring assistant principal, Mr. Henry Jackson's 32 years in the teaching profession was presented to him by student council president, Frederick Braggs. Mr. Jackson has also been the student council sponsor.

Can You Imagine Not Missing A Day Of School For Seven Years?

As the school year wound down to it's final seconds, there were still a few last minute wrinkles to be ironed out. The last 6 weeks tests for 1st hour were taken that morning leaving students and teachers to scramble to finish grades, collect locks, turn in names of students who needed to pay off their debts and still find time to make out certificates for the honors day program.

During the honors day program, athletic, attendance, music, FFA, FHA and Business Department awards were given out. Special recognition went to Assistant Principal Henry M. Jackson who is retiring after 32 years in the teaching profession.

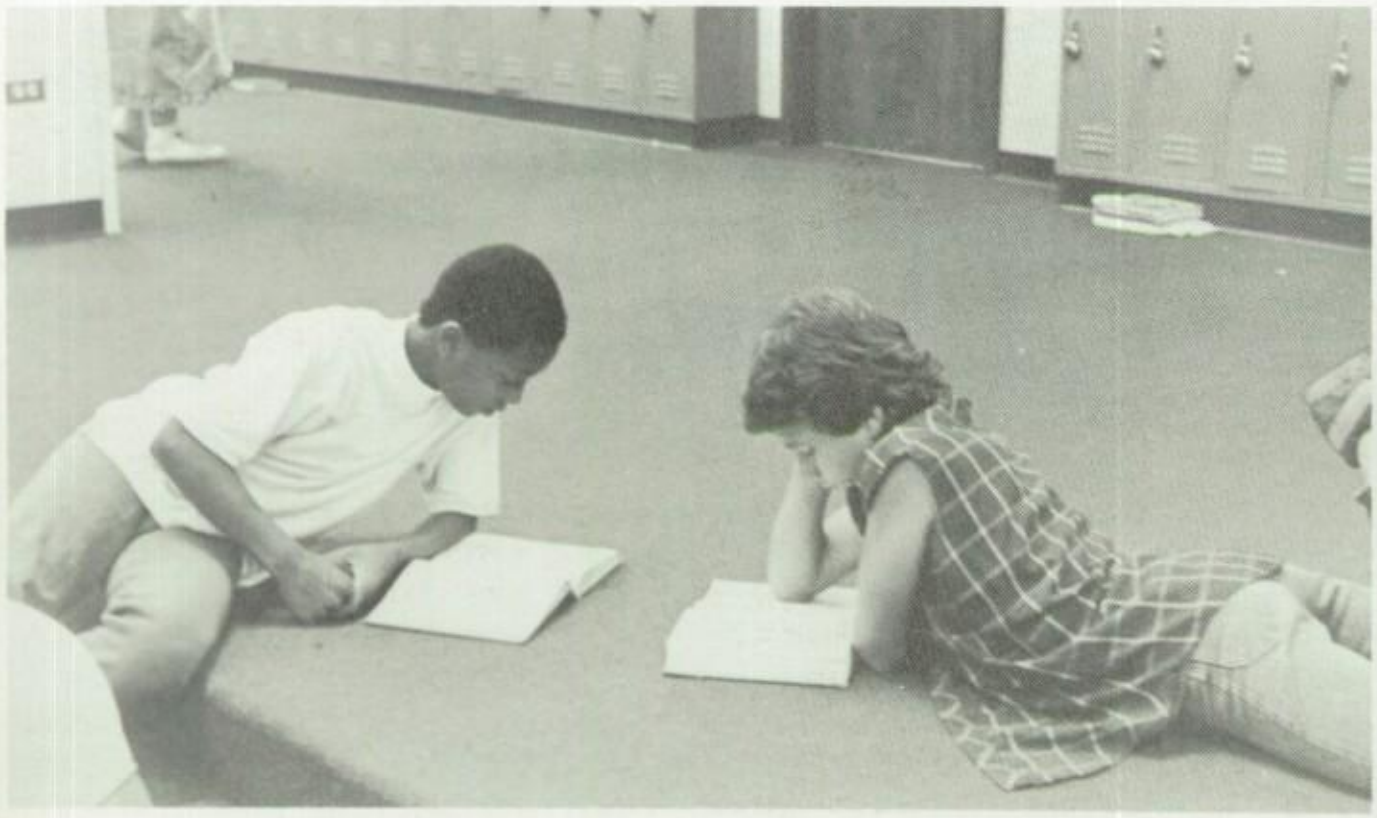
Perhaps the most amazing award went to seventh grader Michelle Moore who received an attendance award for **seven years** perfect attendance. "She had the chicken pox while she was in Kindergarten but she hasn't been sick since then," said her Mother.

The program was completed, lunch was served and the busses rolled out and everyone was through for another school year. OR WERE THEY? Down in the yearbook room, Mrs. Sams, Mrs. Saucier and a few dedicated staff members worked bravely on in an attempt to meet one last deadline!

The impressive District 1-A championship trophy is proudly displayed to the student body by head coach David Kidd.

Awards for outstanding FHA members are presented by Mrs. Woodard to Lori Elliott, Janita Reliford and Heather Evans.

A classis example of what not to do in class i
provided by Dale Davis who is wearing a
illegal hat and chomping on an illegal strav
while typing in Mrs. Hamilton's class.



Diligently pursuing their studies, Jason Riccuto and Barron McGee make themselves comfortable on the lecture are floor during break.

Right: As evidenced by her bemused smile, Mrs. Weathers doesn't seem quite as excited by the music of the band at the academic pep rally.

Academics

Why are we so nervous? It's only one of the most important tests in our life. It limits our choices of colleges and it can decide whether or not we have any money to go to college. Does this sound familar? Yes, you guessed it, it's the ACT!

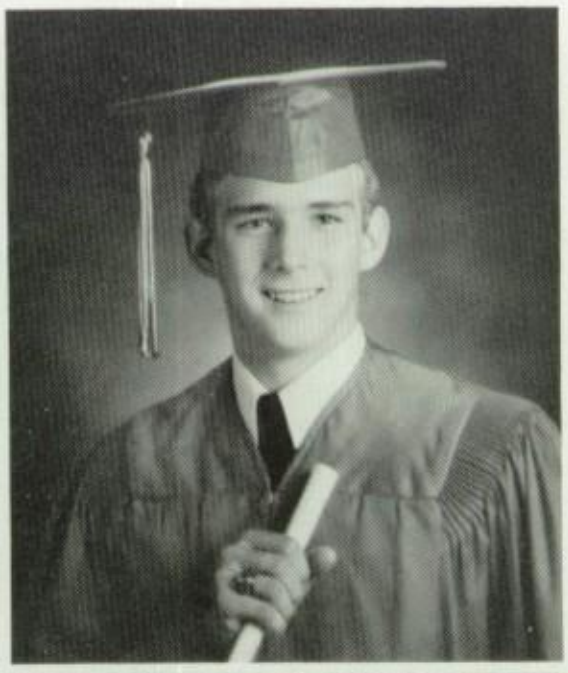
"A person can't even imagine the pressure you feel when you take this test until you've experienced it." said Senior Michele Hershberger. How can we ease the tension of the ACT test? "Dr." Ben Moss prescribes, "A good night's sleep and a big breakfast." Another good way to ease the tension is to be well prepared for it. Students have an opportunity to do this at Ringgold High by using the computers. Coach Hayes has computer programs that have test questions similar to the questions that are on the ACT. "I really think using the computer helped me." stated Senior Ray Hadnot. Many other seniors were helped also. The senior scores were very high and the juniors are following in their footsteps. "I will take all the help I can get," said Junior Tammy Scott.

After the tests are taken you may think it is all over but its not; then you have to experience the terror of waiting to find out what you made! "I was so nervous that I thought I would be sick," said Senior Angie Bass. "I was so scared that my score would be worse than everyone else's, but it wasn't," said Senior Kristie Cooper.

When Senior Cedrick Reliford was asked how he felt after he survived the ACT he said the same thing as many others," I'm just glad it's over!"

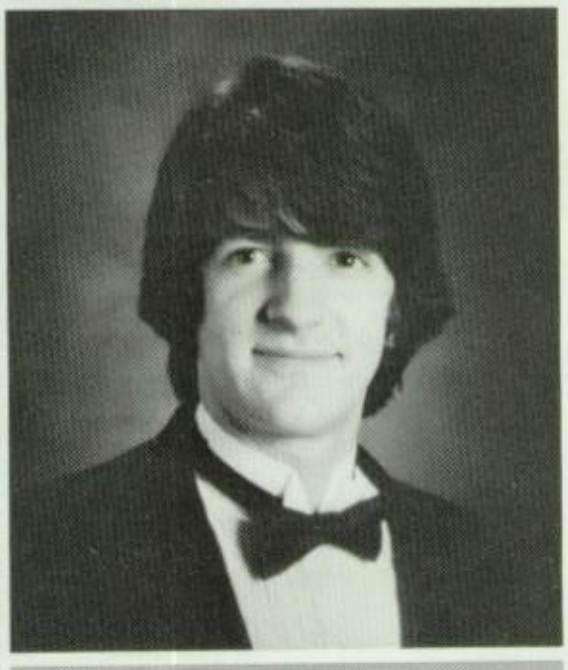
Bridget Higginbotham

Brad Sams

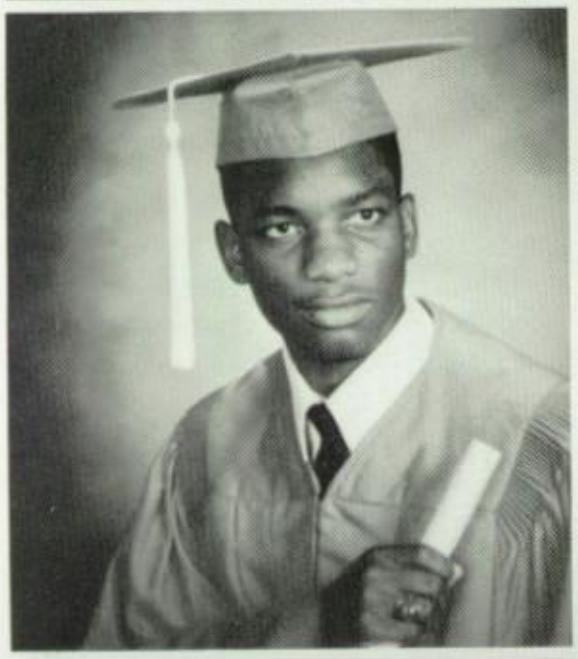


Mimi Tingle

Goran Goranovic



Ray Hadnot



Allison Wimberly

Ginger Griffin

Ann Haynie

Rhonda Tipton

Old hands at accepting honors, Brad Sams and Bridget Higginbotham recieve the American Legion award on Honors Day.

We Conquered all obstacles and

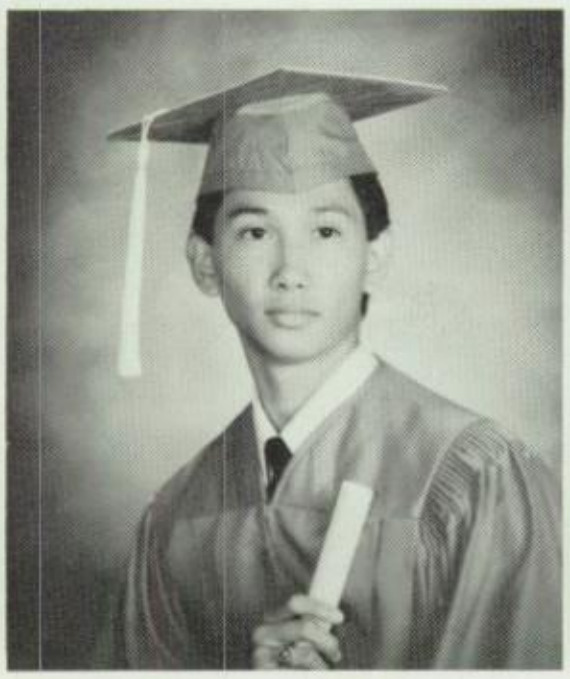
Gained The Gold!

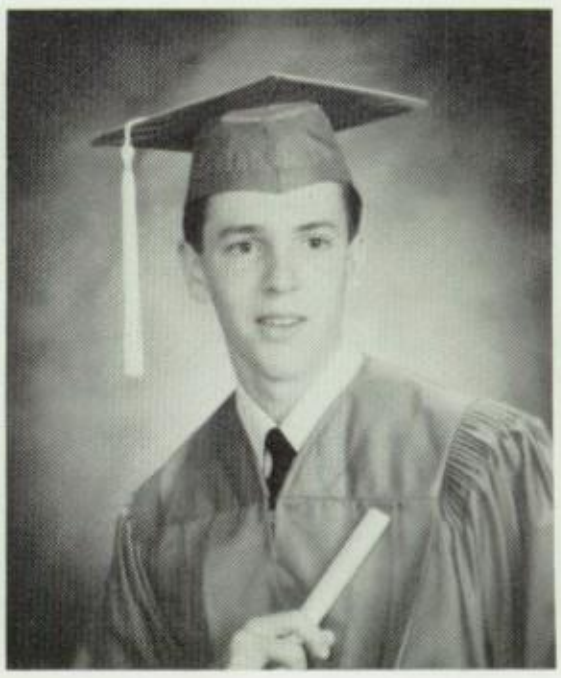
More precious than silver, the valuable and respected gold brings honor to whoever wears it. Each year, the honor graduates at Ringgold High achieve the privilege of wearing gold in the form of gold cords around the collars of their gowns at Graduation and Honors Day.This distinction is not easily earned, since students must maintain a 3.0 average throughout high school. The class of 1988 is proud to have a 25 out of 67 of their members in this select group.

The seniors in this group should be very proud of themselves because reaching this goal was only accomplished by hard work, long hours of studying, and by sacrificing other activities to concentrate on their course work. "Sometimes you have to give up time with your friends," said Ginger Griffin. Margaret Lloyd stated, "You have to be careful of how you spend your time to make sure you have enough time to study."

"We didn't study all the time," explained Bridget Higginbotham, "But when you did it took a lot of concentration!" It also took a large measure of help and support from their family and friends. Melissa Self stated, " I wouldn't have made it without the concern and support of my family. They really helped me when things got rough!"

Brad Sams stated, "Parents go through a lot when they have children who are seniors. It is very expensive and it's sometimes hard to be very supportive". Now that all the hard work is over, they can make a fresh start. The seniors can look back and proudly boast, "We came, we studied, we conquered!"





Scott Whiteman

Micheal Harper

Phillip Haynie

No problem, Michael Harper says, this graduation business is a snap!

New Requirements and higher goals made it a . . .

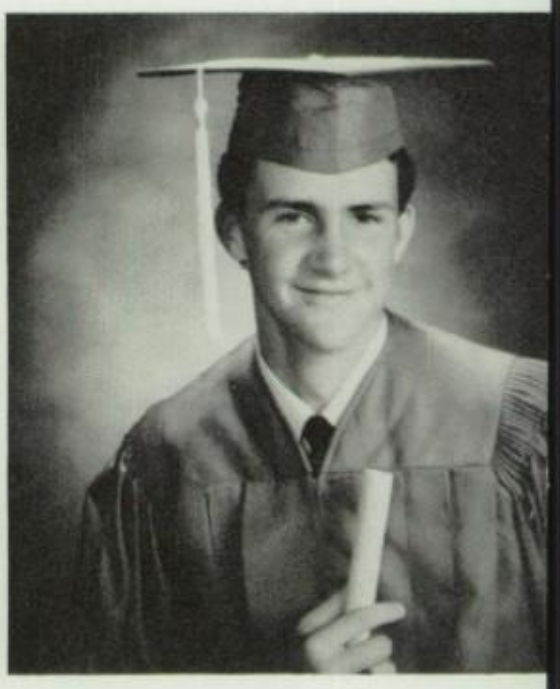
Fading Tradition

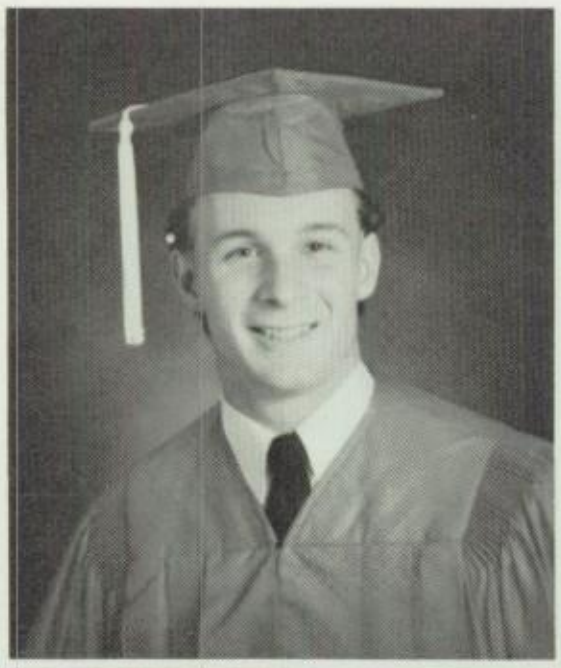
The colorful red, white, and blue cords which have traditionally been worn around the collars of some of the graduates symbolize the attainment of a Bienville Parish Academic Diploma. In the past, this recognition was given to students who had completed a more difficult course of study than required by state law. Today, after several years of rapidly changing graduation requirements, this tradition is becoming obsolete. Besides the honor students, the following have also earned the Bienville Parish Academic Diploma; Angela Bass, Michele Hershberger, Amy Pietsch, Roddy Pate, Anthony Hay, Paul Lozano, Kristie Garlington, Melissa Self, Stephen Gomila, Christopher Hendrick, Donald Marler, Alicia Bryan, Shelly Clifton, Kristy Cooper, and Rene Rasco.

Trenia Hill

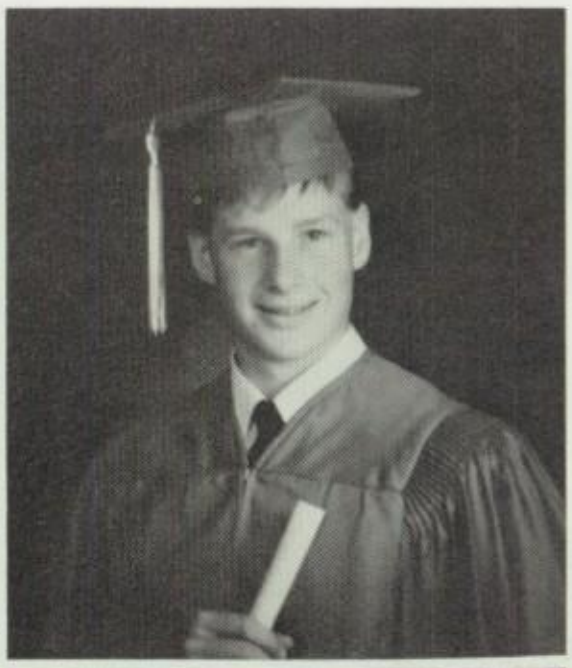
Janet Brackens

Ernest Woodard



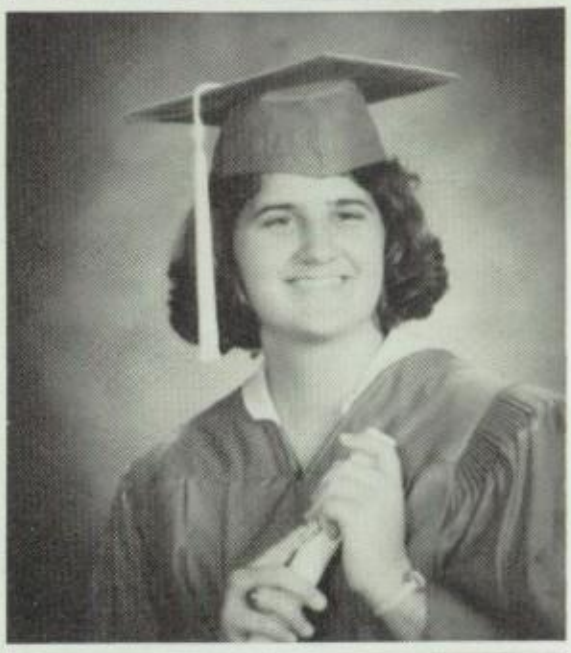


Brian Mason

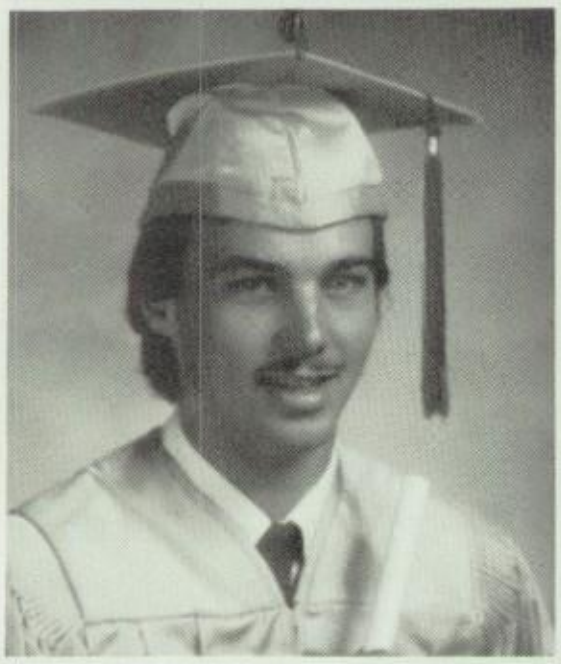


Russell Flint

Julie Bernard



Margaret Lloyd



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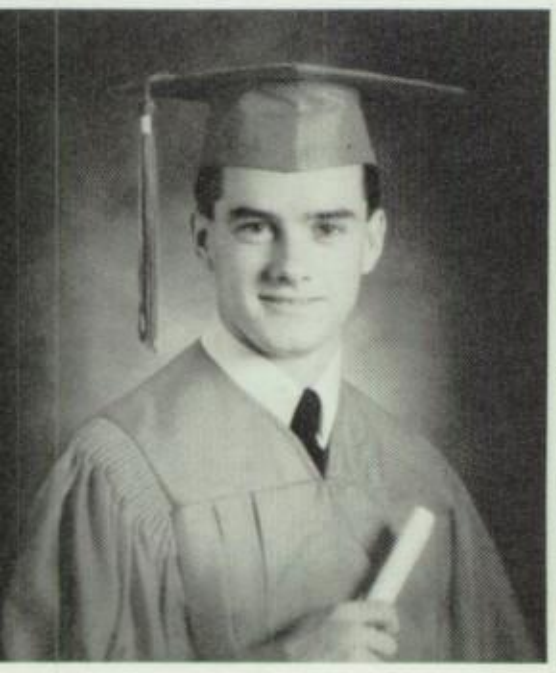
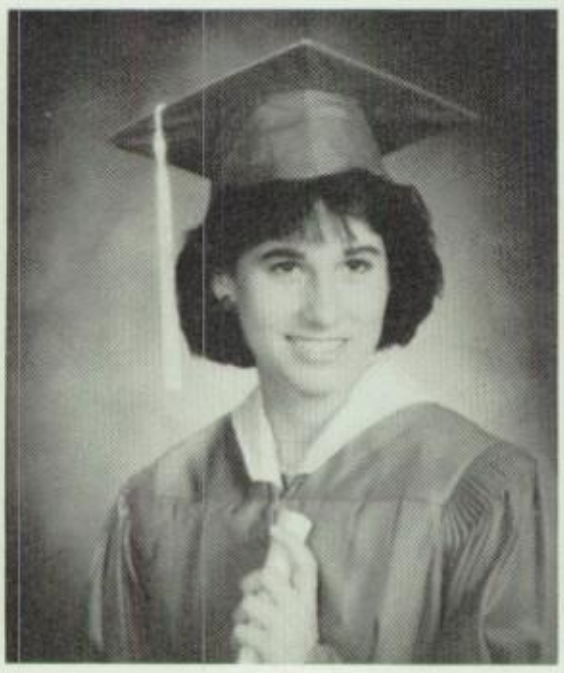
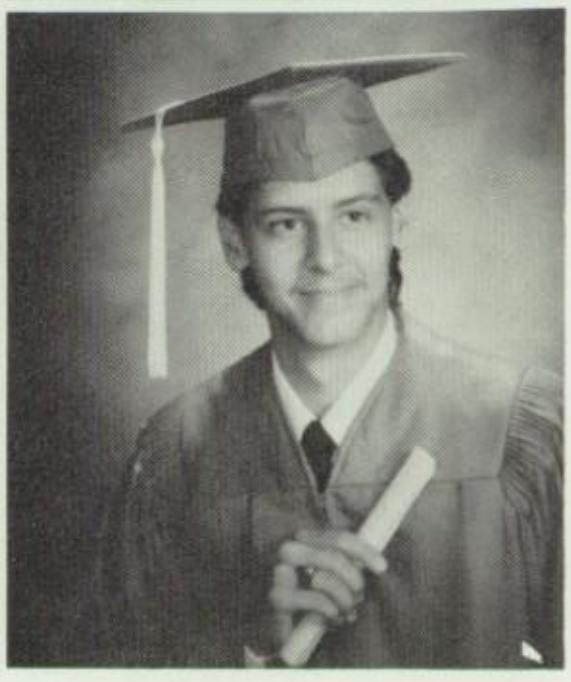




Ronnie Woodall

Louisa Blackburn



Jason Hall

A Record Number Of

Graduates Stood To Receive Honors.

The Whole Class Has Been Called . . .

"Cream Of The Crop"

Nervous and scared, the class of 1988 lined up for the processional in a very serious frame of mind: will this silly hat sit right? Will they pronounce my middle name correctly? Will I trip and fall in front of all these people?

Every year, seniors must successfully negotiate two formidable obstacles before they are free to depart old RHS; unlike the graduation ceremonies at other schools, RHS has traditionally divided graduation into two separate ceremonies: an Honors Day and Graduation Night. The Senior Honors Day ceremony is usually held on the Wednesday morning prior to graduation.

This year's blue-gowned seniors entered in procession as the RHS band played "God of Our Fathers". This is the first time in many years that the band has played for this occasion.

The Honors Day Program, presented by members of the Scholastic Honor Roll of the class of '88, include individual recognition of each member of the senior class, the presentation of honor roll certificates and awards, and the presentation of a class gift to the school. The gift of the class of 1988 was a five and a half foot stainless steel medallion which is now mounted on the wall directly behind the flagpole at the school's entrance. The medallion depicts the school mascot, the school name, and a plate commemorating its placement by the senior class of 1988.

The floral arrangements at Honors Day this year were dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Margie Martin, who assisted with RHS graduation for many years.

The seniors receiving awards were:

Bridget Higginbotham- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, LSU Honor and Tuition Scholarship and Chancellor's Student Aide, NSU-R Academic Scholarship, Grand Lodge of Louisiana Award, Who's Who Award, American Legion Award and Valedictorian Award.

Brad Sams- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, LSU Honor and Tuition Scholarship, La. Tech Board of Trustees Academic Scholarship, McGee Corbit Scholarship, Who's who Award, American Legion Award, Army Scholar-Athlete Award, DAR Award, FFA Senior Award and Valedictorian Award.

Miranda Tingle- Honor Graduate, Northeast Louisiana University Academic Award, Bienvelle Parish Academic Diploma, La. College L.P. Whitehead Scholarship, Who's Who Award. Salutatorian Award.

Goran Goranovic- Honor Graduate, Bienvelle Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

Ray Hadnot- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, LSU Honor Scholarship and Chancellor's Student Aid, Northeast University Academic Award, Southern University Academic Scholarship, La. Tech University Summer School Award, Who's Who Award.

Allison Wimberly- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, La. College L.P. Whitehead Scholarship, Who's Who Award.

Ginger Griffin- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

Ann Haynie- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma.

Rhonda Tipton- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Norhtwestern State University Performance Scholarship, Northwestern Music-Piano Award, Northwestern State University Band Scholarship, Who's Who Award.

Scot Whiteman- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

Michael Harper- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

Dee Ricketson- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

Phillip Haynie- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Northeast Academic Award, LSU J.B. Frye Scholarship, Who's Who Award.

Trenia Hill- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award and Army Scholar-Athlete Award.

Janet Brackens- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

Ernest Woodard- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, LSU Superior Performance for 1987 State Literary Rally in Vocational Agriculture III Award, Who's Who Award and FFA Award.

Brian Mason- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Northeast University Award, Who's Who Award and WOW Award.

Russell Flint- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

Julie Bernard- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parissh Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

Margaret Lloyd- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

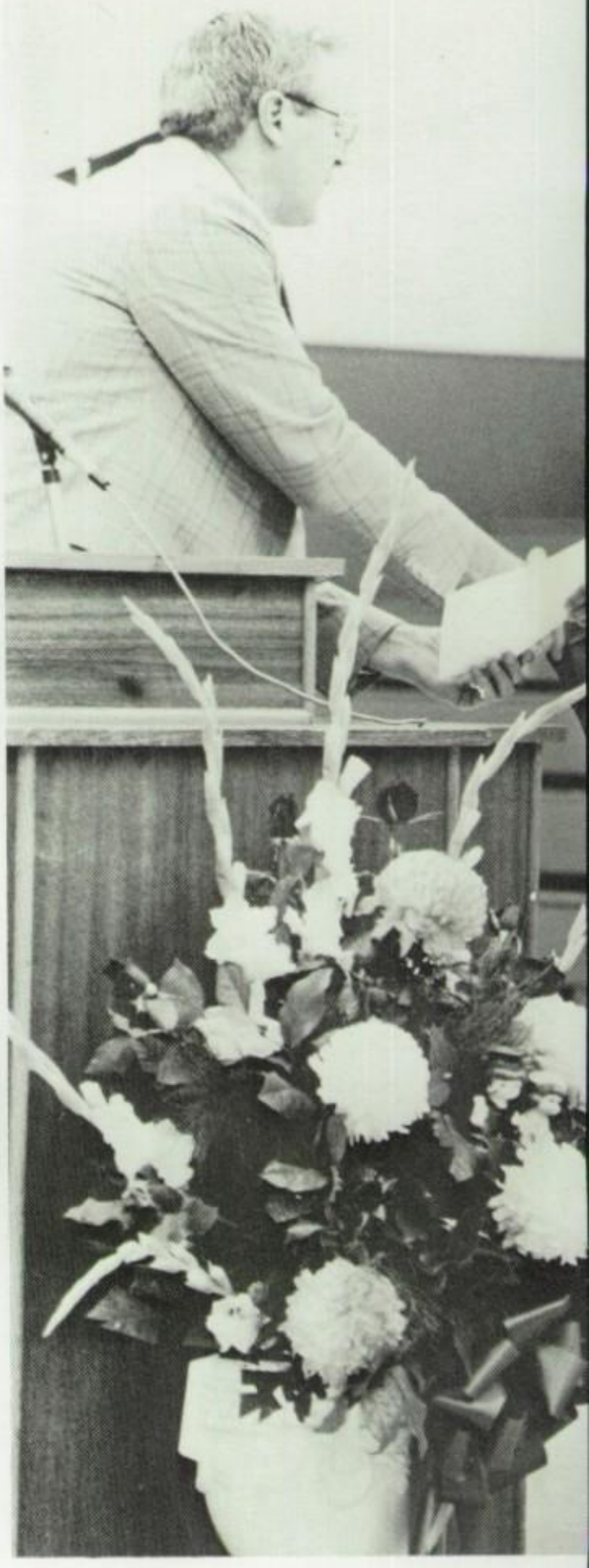
Clark Sheffield- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

Allison Oney- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award, La. Tech University Summer School Award.

Ronnie Woodall- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

Louisa Blackburn- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.

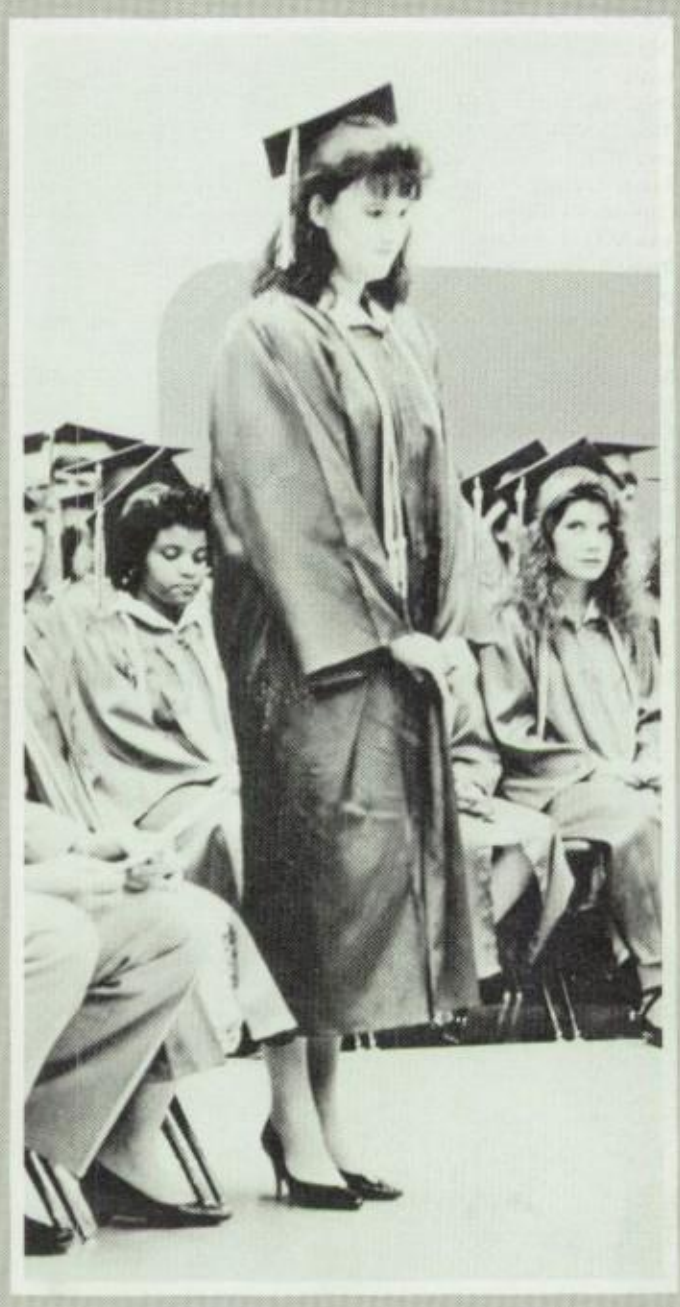
Jason Hall- Honor Graduate, Bienville Parish Academic Diploma, Who's Who Award.



Caps are doffed by senior boys in unison as Scot Whiteman begins his invocation.

With a sincere handshake, Anthony Hay accepts a Bienville Parish Academic Diploma from Mr. Haynie on Awards Day, May 11.

Long hours of hard work and sacrifice led Rhonda Tipton to this important milestone, the presentation of her high school honors. Class president Ray Hadnot looks on in the background after having presented his classmates and receiving his awards.



Standing and waiting for the class president to recognize her high school accomplishments is honor graduate Allison Wimberly.

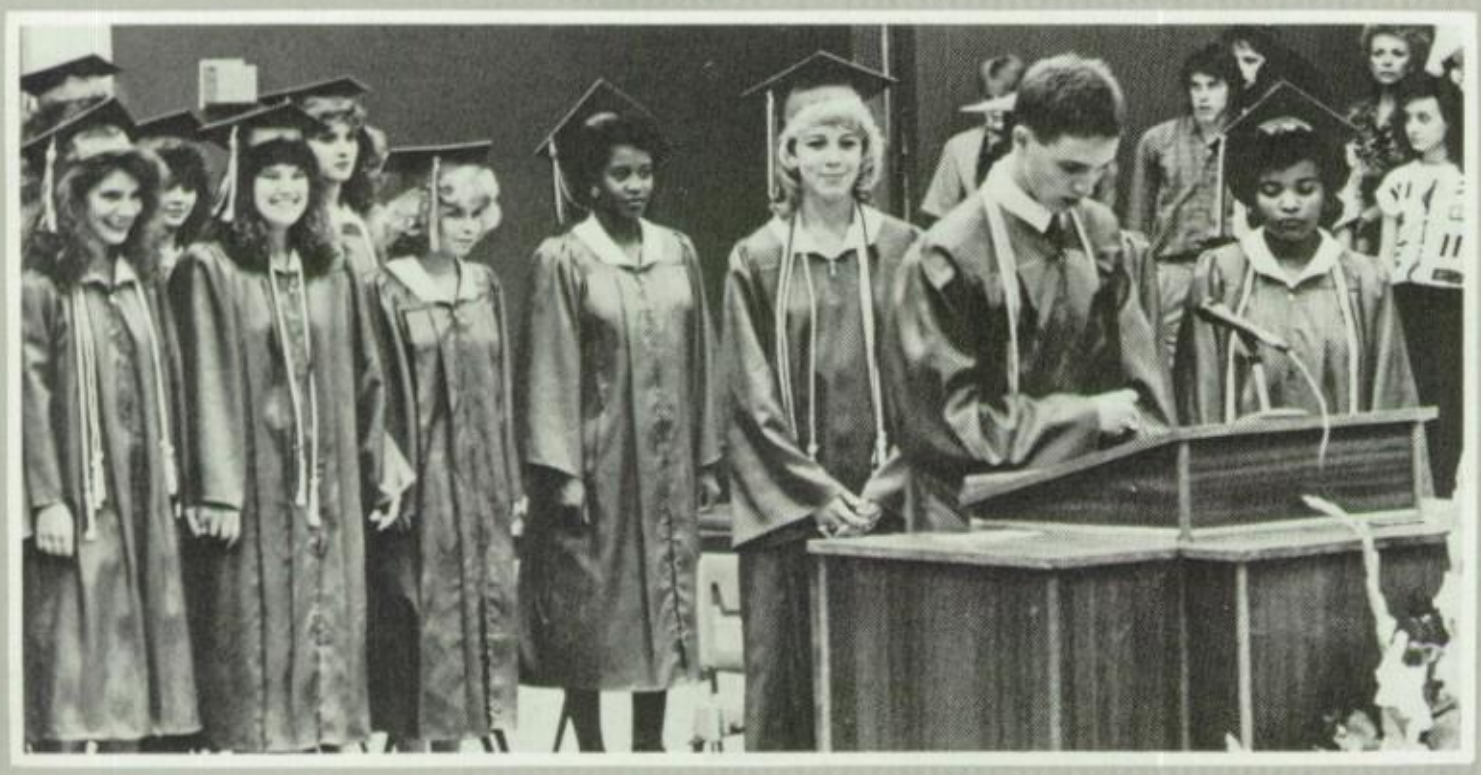
Individual recognition is given to each graduate at Honor's Day by class president Ann Haynie.

National Guard scholarships to help finance college careers are awarded by a Guard representative to Ronnie Woodall, Ernest Woodard, Phillip Haynie, Michael Harper, and Scot Whiteman.

Left foot forward on the heavy beat will march Lashonda Whitfield into graduation in perfect time to the music.

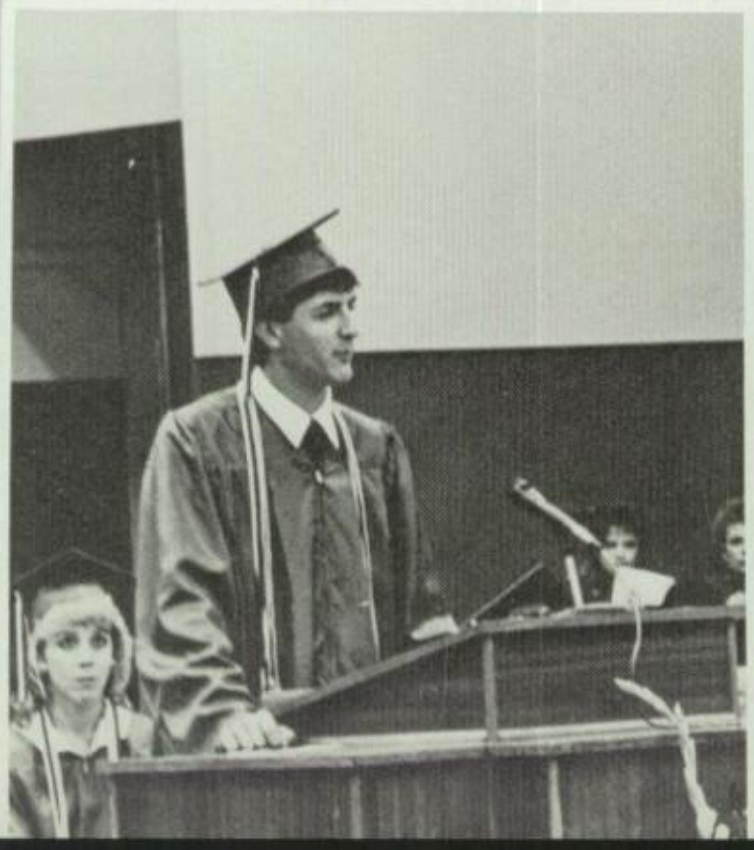
Diplomas were presented by Assistant Principal Henry Jackson. He was given this honor at his last graduation exercise at RHS before retirement. Honor graduate Margaret Lloyd gratefully accepts her diploma.

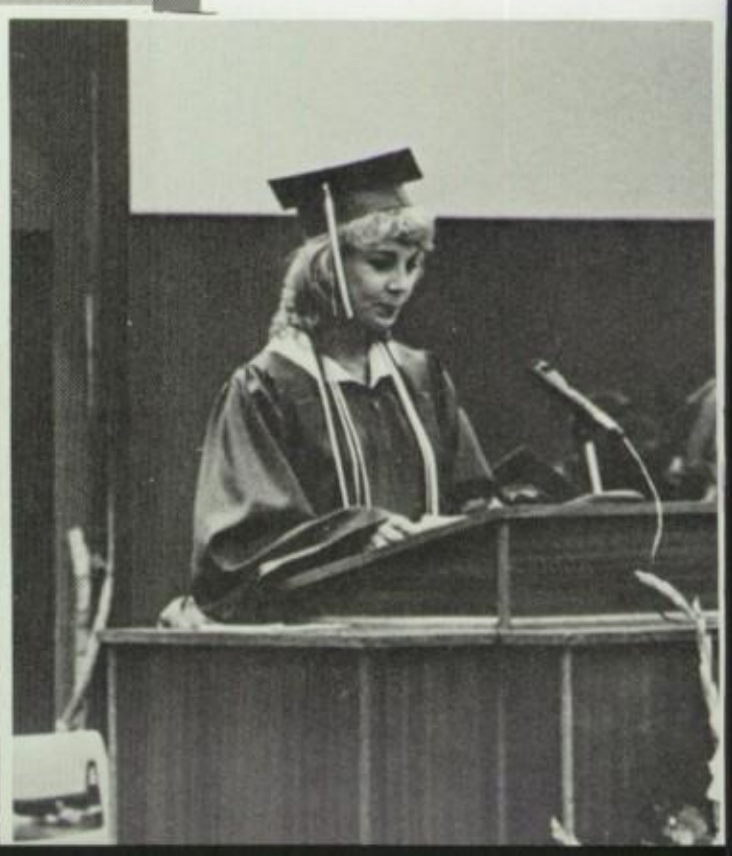
The solemnity of Phillip Haynie's invocation is lost on some of his fellow graduates who have just realized that it's all over now!



The best way to get along with others is to try to learn about their ways and values. That was the message Yugoslavian exchange student Goran Goranovic delivered to his American classmates.

Choked with emotion , Mimi Tingle delivered her Salutatorian address to an equally tearful audience of classmates, their families and friends.





Graduation — Friday, May 13.
Valedictorian
Challenges Classmates.
See You At The Top!

On Friday, May 13, the senior class of 1988 entered RHS as students for the last time. Draped in their dark blue graduation gowns, the seniors walked in procession to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the RHS Band.

After the invocation by Phillip Haynie, a vocal ensemble was performed. There wasn't a dry eye in the house after "It's My Turn" was sung by Ginger Griffin, Chris Hedrick, Bridget Higginbotham, Trenia Hill, Missy Self, and Rhonda Tipton.

In their speeches, Mimi Tingle (Salutatorian), Bridget Higginbotham, (Valedictorian), and Brad Sams (Valedictorian), encouraged graduating seniors to look to the future with confidence and the determination to succeed. Brad Sams especially exhorted his classmates to fix their goals high and concluded with a challenge to them to meet him "at the top" in years to come.

Before the presentation of the diplomas, Mr. Haynie announced the retirement of assistant proncipal Henry Jackson and turned the presentation over to him, allowing him the honor of handing out diplomas.

When all the diplomas were passed out and the seniors made their final march, they left Ringgold High School as a new person. All the experiences and challenges the school had offered them were over and they were to move on into the world. None of them knew what the future might hold, they only knew that they would someday make it to the top!

In a final going away gesture, this rather unique group of ex-seniors returned to the school grounds late graduation night and camped out on the football field perhaps to protect the school which would soon be completely deprived of their presence!

The class song, "It's My Turn," brought tears to the eyes of almost everyone, including the vocal ensemble members Ginger Griffin, Bridget Higginbotham, Chris Hedrick, Trenia Hill, Missy Self, and Rhonda Tipton.

One of the two Valedictory addresses is presented by Bridget Higginbotham in one of her last "official" duties as an RHS senior.
In the style of an old time preacher, Valedictorian Brad Sams exhorts his classmates to meet him "at the top."

Without You It Wouldn't Have Been Possible . . . .

Thanks Teach!

The old saying that "there's luck in odd numbers" came true for Ringgold High School on March 12, 1988 when they won the District Literary Rally Sweepstakes Award for the third straight year.

"This is a reflection of the academic standards at Ringgold High School and dedication of the people who see that these standards are upheld," commented Bienville Parish School Board Superintendent, Richard Pullig and evidently, it is. Something must be going right for RHS three times in a row!

It has to be because of a combined offort by the students and their teachers. "When you really think about it, it was the teachers who made all the difference. I mean sure, the students actually took the tests, but if it weren't for our teachers, we wouldn't have done as well," replied Junior Ben Moss.

Junior Ben Moss, along with Senior Goran Goranovic, went to the District Rally in two subjects hoping to place - and they did! They both got Superiors in their respective subjects. They went to Baton Rouge for the State Literary Rally along with the following: Freshmen- Melanie Boyet, Lori Elliott, Carla Kennedy, Leslee Sanders, and Aaron Thrower; Sophomore-Michael Gomila, Kristine Harper, Monte Thames, and Reba Tipton; Juniors-Heather Evans and Ben Moss; Seniors- Tony Grigg, Goran Goranovic, Ray Hadnot, Trenia Hill, Margaret Lloyd, Brian Mason, Allison Oney, Brad Sams, Scot Whiteman, and Ronnie Woodall.

Winning the Sweepstakes Award for the third time was wonderful, and it's all because of these students and many more, including their teachers.

Thanks Teach! Without you it wouldn't have been possible.

Eat, eat, eat for tomorrow we diet! Ray Hadnot, Reba Tipton devour a pizza at State Rally in Baton Rouge.

State Literary Rally Participants- Row-1, Brian Mason, Tony Grigg, Allison Oney, Brad Sams, Trenia Hill, Ray Hadnot; Goran Goranovic, Ben Moss, Ronnie Woodall, Heather Evans, Reba Tipton, Margaret Lloyd, Kristine Harper, Melanie Boyet; Row-3, Scot Whiteman, Carla Kennedy, Lori Elliot, Leslie Sanders, Monte Thames, and Aaron Thrower.

It's a long, boring drive from Ringgold to Baton Rouge but Ben Moss, Reba Tipton, and Mark Thornton try to pass the time in conversation.

District Literay Rally participants- Row-1, Goran Goranovic, Paul Lazano, Brian Mason, Ernest Woodard, Tony Griggs, Bridget Higginbotham, Brad Sams, Mark Thornton, Ray Hadnot; Row-2, Roddy Pate, Ginger Griffin, Tyrette Kennedy, Tiffany McGregor, Heather Evans, Reba Tipton, Margaret Lloyd, Kristine Harper, Melanie Boyet; Row-3, Janita Reliford, Morristene Shepard, Connie Iverson, Nicole Tingle, Cheryl Pietsch, Lori Elliot, Leslie Sanders, Sheri Harper, Beth Powell, Vicki Walker; Row-4, Kristie Cooper, Carla Kennedy, Lacia Walsh, Melinda Young, Mimi Tingle, Allison Wimberly, Angela Bass, Scot Whiteman, Trenia Hill; Row-5, Richard Grigsby, Jerry Blackburn, Aaron Thrower, Eva Pisterna, Paul Hillier, Taiten Salter, Graham Bloxom, Michele Hershberger; Row-6, Ben Moss, Melissa Salter, Melissa Lee, Reba Haynie, Candice Westberry, Karen Ratcliff, Ginger Bloxom, Angela Morgan, Monte Thames; Row-7, Ronnie Woodall, Allison Oney, Jill Howard, Evelyn Reed, Dita Bethune, LaShunda Whitfield, and Renee Rasco.

Accounting I- Sara Wood
Melissa Salter
Margaret Lloyd
Advanced Math- Goran Goranovic
Brad Sams*
Bridget Higginbotham
Algebra I- Melanie Boyet
Carla Kennedy*
Cheryl Pietsch
Algebra II- Tyrette Kennedy
Tiffany McGregor
Reba Haynie
American Government- Graham Bloxom
Candice Westberry
Brian Mason*
American History- Melisa Lee
Tyrette Kennedy
Allison Oney
Biology- Karen Ratcliff
Dita Bethune
Mark Thornton
Business English- LaShonda Whitfield
Vickie Walker
Randy Wiggins
Business (Intro.)- Nicole Tingle
Morristene Shepherd
Aaron Thrower*
Chemistry- Mimi Tingle
Ray Hadnot
Ginger Griffin
Civics- Melanie Boyet*
Paul Lozano
Tina Fowler
Clerical Practice- Roddy Pate
Kristy Cooper
Rena Rasco
Computer Literacy- Eva Pisterna
Consumer Homemaking I- Connie Iverson
Lori Elliot*
Tina Fowler
English I- Lori Elliot
Carla Kennedy
Morristene Sheperd
English II- Janita Reliford
Dita Bethune
Angela Morgan
English III- Tiffany McGregor
Ben Moss*
Lacia Walsh
English IV- Trenia Hill
Scot Whiteman
Brian Mason
Food & Nutrition- Allison Oney*
Lorrie Thomas
Ginger Bloxom
Free Enterprise- Jill Howard
Rhonda Tipton
Allison Wimberly
French I- Ray Hadnot*
Ben Moss
Leslie Sanders
Geometry- Graham Bloxom
Kristine Harper*
Janita Reliford
Health- Karen Ratcliff
Ginger Bloxom
Nicole Tingle
Human Dev. & Family Relations-
Angela Bass
Heather Evans
Beth Powell
Management of Resources-
Angela Bass
Heather Evans*
Melinda Young
Physical Science- Leslie Sanders*
Cheryl Pietsch
Aaron Thrower
Sociology- Sheri Harper
Reba Tipton*
Evelyn Reed
Spelling- Trenia Hill*
Reba Haynie
Bridget Higginbothem
Trigonometery- Goran Goranovic*
Brad Sams
Mimi Tingle
Typewriting I- Kristine Harper
Vocational Agriculture I- Monte Thames*
Jerry Blackburn
Richard Grigsby
Vocational Agriculture II- Michael Gomila *
Melinda Young
Lacia Walsh
Vocational Agriculture III- Taiten Salter
Tony Grigg *
Paul Hillier
Vocational Agriculture IV- Ernest Woodard
Russell Flint
Scot Whiteman *
World Geography- Rene Rasco
Michele Hershberger
Margaret Lloyd *
World History- Michael Gomila
Ronnie Woodall *
Michael Harper
* Participant qualified for state

Because Of The Ringgold Redskins' Big III . . .

It's Party Time!

Bronze! Silver!! Gold!!! Students gathered in the gymnasium to see what it would be, which medal would they get? Would it be the same as last year, or would it be better? It must have been better because we did it again! We won the Sweepstakes award for Division III at the District Literary Rally for the third time!

What did it feel like winning for the third time? "It felt great, and I'm glad to be a part of this school!" commented Junior Marsha Woodall. It was great that we won and because of it Mr. Hanynie rewarded the student body by getting the Barksdale Air Force Rock-n-Roll Band to come and perform for us.

"They were great!" said Sophomore Roberta Lemke.

"I think they are excellent- Maybe not quite as good as last year, but a performance I would enjoy seeing anytime." commented Mr. Beatty.

"This was absolutely the best Academic Pep Rally ever!" commented Senior Julie Bernard.

The students went wild when they found out that we had won the Sweepstakes award for the third time. You can bet there was dancing, with the help of the Barksdale Air Force Rock-n-Roll Band, in the home of the Ringgold Redskins!

Right-In the middle of his performance, the Air Force band's lead singer singles out senior Amy Pietsch for a quick dance.

Below- Who is enjoying this more, Mr. Haynie or bronze-medal winner Lester Gipson?

Bronze Medalists- Row-1, Melissa Lee, Jennifer Bass, Leslie Evans, Jamie Myers, Joshua Crochet, Alicia Davis, Erica Adams, Lester Gipson; Row-2, Heather Evans, Melissa Salter, Anita Woodard, Naomi Wyatt, Sharon Ashley, Yalonda Reed, Roddy Pate; Row-3, Rene Rasco, Allyson Brewer, Tywanna Ashley, Stacey Howard, Missy Self, Allison Oney; Row-4, Sara Woods, Michelle LeDoux, Greg Hunt, Lance Brock, Margaret Lloyd; Row-5, Richard Grigsby , Angela Morgan, Tina Fowler, Lori Elliot; Row-6, Ernest Woodard, Paul Hillier, Taiten Salter, Russell Flint, and Mark Thornton.

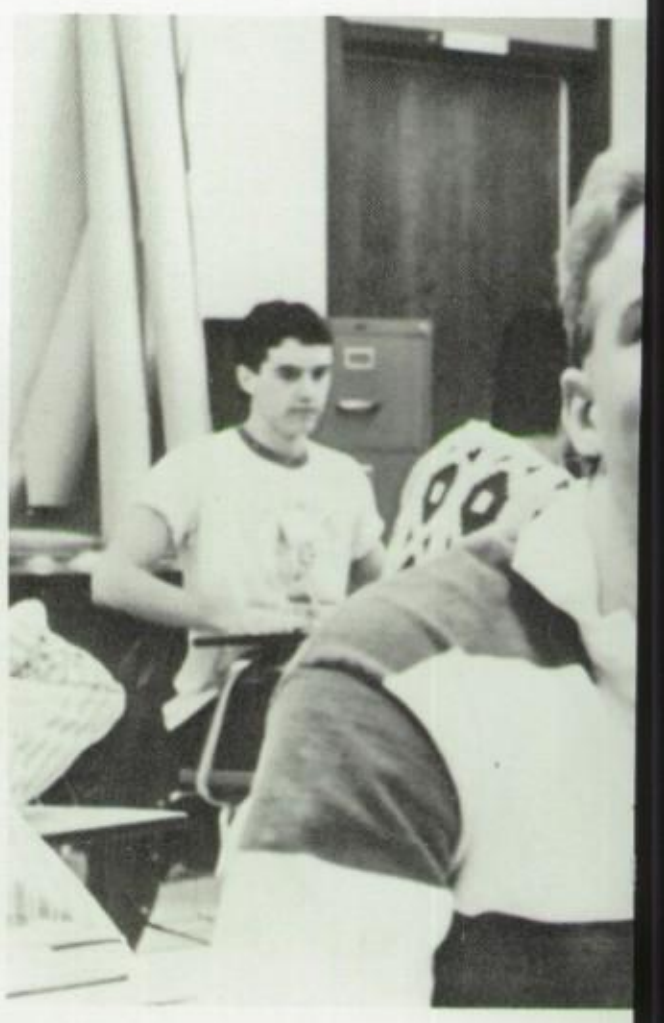
Gold Medalists- Row-1, Tony Reliford, Kevin Morgan, Jeffery Jones, Richie Blue; Row-2, Janita Reliford, Kristine Harper, Melanie Boyet, Brandy Procell, Melissa Pietsch, Candace Posey; Row-3, Tiffany McGregor, Reba Haynie, Candice Westberry, Lacia Walsh; Row-4, Bridget Higginbotham, Ann Haynie; Row-5, Ray Hadnot, Ginger Griffin, Angela Bass, Mimi Tingle; Row-6, Brad Sams, and Clay Kellogg.

Silver Medalists- Row-1, Carla Kennedy, Patricia Lemke, Holly Hillier, Michelle Moore, Talley Higginbotham, Christopher Smith, Scott Bates; Row-2, Aaron Thrower, Leslie Sanders, Melinda Young, Kim West, Jackie Mosley, Chris Rowell; Row-3, Morristene Shepherd, Levet Hadnot, Shannon Kelly, Kenneth Lowe; Row-4, Leonard Cunningham, Jay Phillips, Chris Conly, Kevin Collier, Jason Bass; Row-5, Anthony Moore,Stanley Cunningham, Trenia Hill, Janet Brackens, Dita Bethune, Tammy Scott; Row-6, Rhonda Tipton, Larson Cunningham, Brian Mason, Paul Lozano, Graham Bloxom, Karen Ratcliff; Row-7, Allison Wimberly, Michelle Hershberger, Amy Pietsch, Alicia Bryant, Julie Bernard, Kristie Garlington, and Ben Moss.

"Would you please go away and leave me alone!" seems to be the spontaneous reaction of Junior Tyrette Kennedy!

"I can't take any more of this!" was the sentiment of Mrs. Hope, the seventh and eighth grade Reading teacher, after a wild and crazy day.

With camera in focus, Junior Frederick Braggs waits for the perfect pose of his present target!



Although this is his last year of school, Senior Brian Mason wonders why he ever put himself through the agony of Advanced Math!

Individual

Picture Perfect!?!

You forgot to set your alarm and wake to find it is 7:45 a.m. There's no time to really fix your hair or iron your clothes, so you throw something on and rush to school. As you enter your classroom you hear someone say, "Did you forget that today is picture day?"

This is a familiar tragic scene in many student's lives. "I could not believe I forgot that it was picture day!" said Senior Ginger Griffin. You might say "Big Deal" or "It is just a picture," so why is it such a tragedy? Junior Tiffany McGregor spoke for many of her classmates when she replied, "Many people don't realize it but twenty years from now our friends will look back at that picture and think we actually looked like that!"

So what do students do to remind themselves of this important day? Surely they have developed some methods to avoid the picture day horrors! "I mark it down in my calender and the week before I put a note on my mirror," said Senior Roddy Pate. "The day after I get the note about pictures I bring hairspray, makeup, and a brush and put it in my locker just in case!" said Junior Lorrie Thomas.

So tape up your little reminders, load up your lockers, and like a good little Boy Scout, be propared and just maybe next year you will be PICTURE PERFECT!

The Faculty Voted The Co-Valedictorians Mr. & Miss RHS

Two Perfect 4.0's

In a class where 25 out of 67 students qualified for academic honors and all of them had been active in a broad range of school activities, choosing a Mr. or Miss RHS was no easy matter! Faculty members agonized over the long list of outstanding students and their final vote was a difficult one. The two students awarded this honor should be justly proud of their accomplishments, and also proud of the fact that they were chosen to represent an outstanding graduating class!

The fact that Miss RHS, Bridget Higginbotham, was voted "Most likely to succeed" and "Most studious" by her senior classmates aptly sums up the secret of her success so far. Hard work, dedication, and long hours of studying helped Bridget maintain a perfect 4.0 average all four years of high school and gained her a reputation for being very dependable and capable. Bridget was very active throughout her high school years. She was in 4-H three years, FBLA three years, band three years, and was on the flagline two years. Bridget also served on the yearbook staff for two years. During her second year on the yearbook staff Bridget served as co-editor and photographer, spending many long hours in the dark room and at the computer. Every year in her high school career, Bridget attended the district rally in academic areas and for two years she went to FBLA rally in Business Law. At graduation time Bridget was Co-Valedictorian and recieved many well deserved awards and honors.

Brad Sams, Mr. RHS, proved his versatility by his success in several very different fields of endeavor. Brad participated in sports, agriculture programs, club and class activities, and still maintained a perfect 4.0 average all four years in high school. Brad was active in FFA, 4-H, FBLA and student council. In athletics Brad participated in both football and baseball for four years. For so successfully combining football and academics Brad was named to the prestigious LHSAA Academic All-State Football Team.

In FFA, Brad has served as chapter president, Area I president and was active on several very successful judging teams. He has also represented RHS at four state FFA conventions, two national FFA conventions and he is a candidate for a state office in FFA this summer.

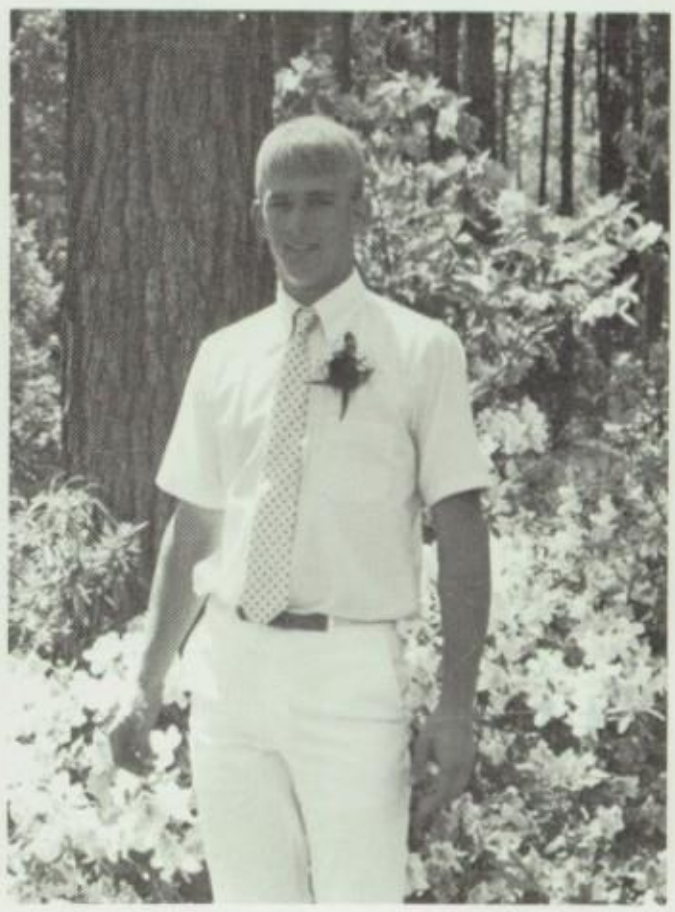
Brad's academic achievements have not gone unnoticed by his classmates who voted him "Most likely to succeed," and all indications are that they will not be proven wrong.

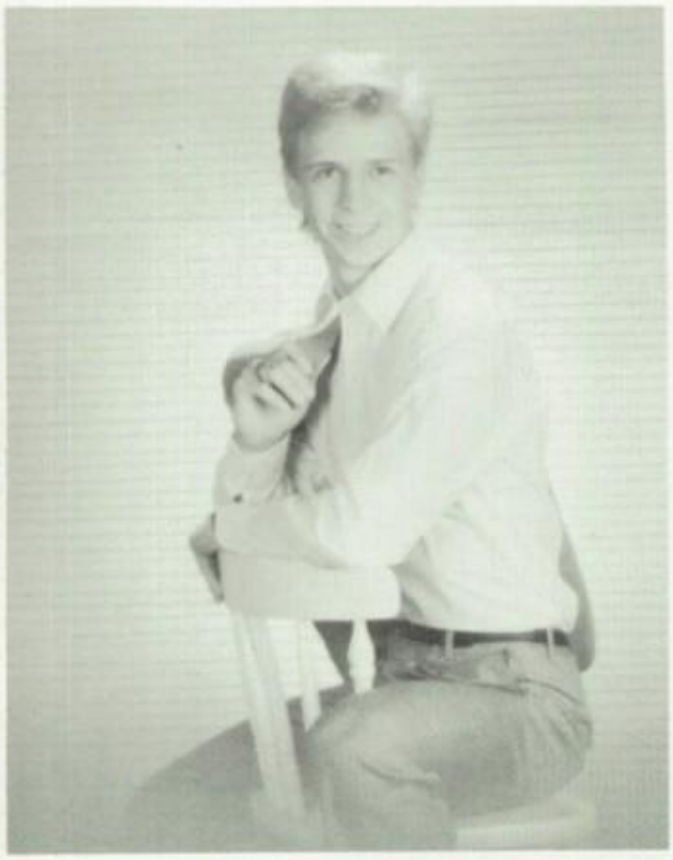
Uncharacteristically well dressed, Brad hits the fairway for a neat game of golf

The senior class play showcased the versatility and acting talents(such as they were) of Mr. and Miss. RHS as "Frankie" and "Herc."

The night of the Junior-Senior Prom Mr. and Miss RHS, Brad Sams and Bridget Higginbotham, enjoy their brief moment in the spotlight.

A part of Bridget's responsibilities on the yearbook staff was doubling as photographer.





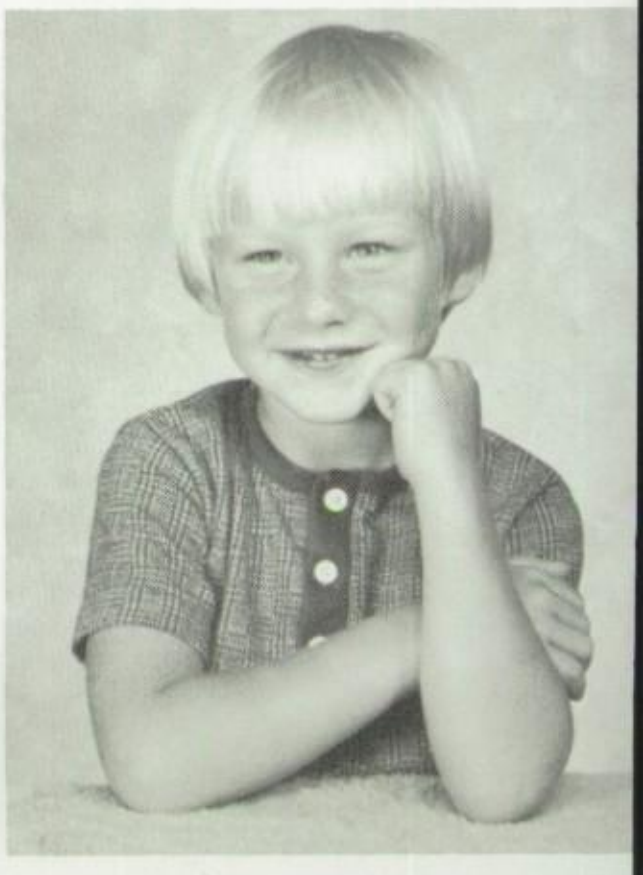
Scot,
You are unique and very special to us. Believe in yourself and you will have all the love and best that life has to offer.
With much love,
Mom, Dad, Chris, and Kirk

Allison,
Congratulations to you, a very special daughter. We have enjoyed sharing your many accomplishments.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Jim Bob

Phillip,
We are very proud of you. May you always find happiness in your life.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Mimi,
We are very proud of you and everything you have accomplished. We wish you all the happiness in your future.
We love you,
Dad and Ginger

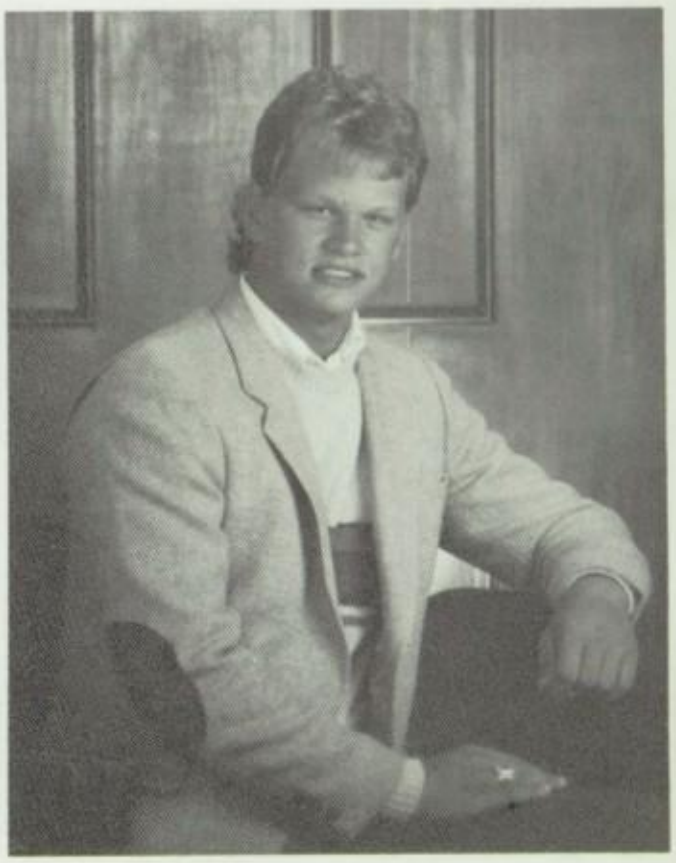
Bridget,
You have been a joy to our hearts. We are proud of you and your accomplishments. May God bless you with a happy and sucessful future. Keep Christ first and everything else will fall in order.
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Tallie



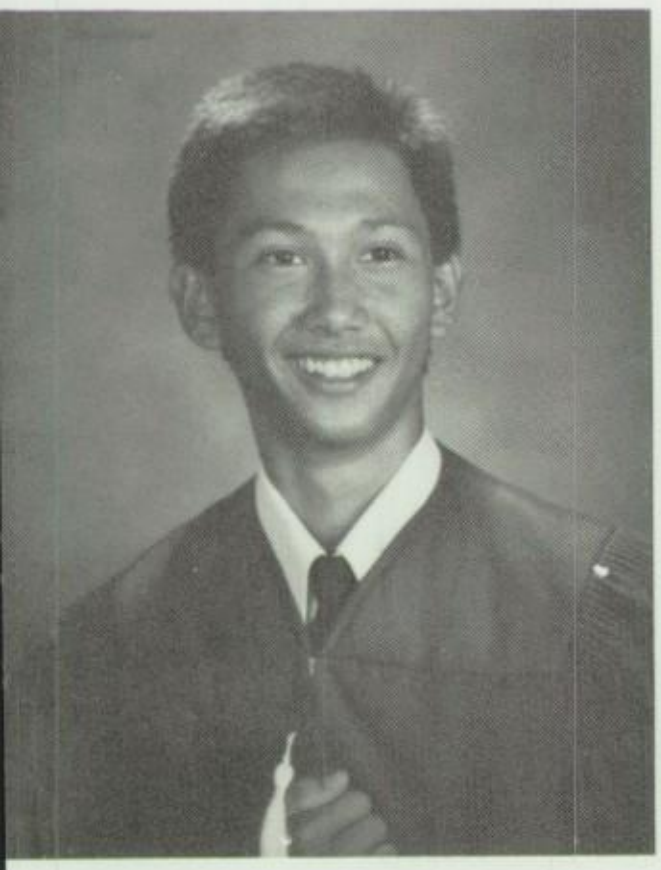
Russell,
You bring love, laughter, and friend into our lives. You are truely a gift fro God. Don't ever change.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Roddy,
We are proud of you and all you have accomplished. Continue to be yourself and good luck in every endeavor.
Love,
Mother and Dad

Shelly,
Words will never be able to express our love and respect for you. Thank you for loving us and being a part of our life.
Love,
Daddy, Mama, Joni, and Boots



David,
Thanks for being the kind of son you are. We're proud of you, and wish you the success in the future that we know you are capable of having.
Love,
Mama and Daddy

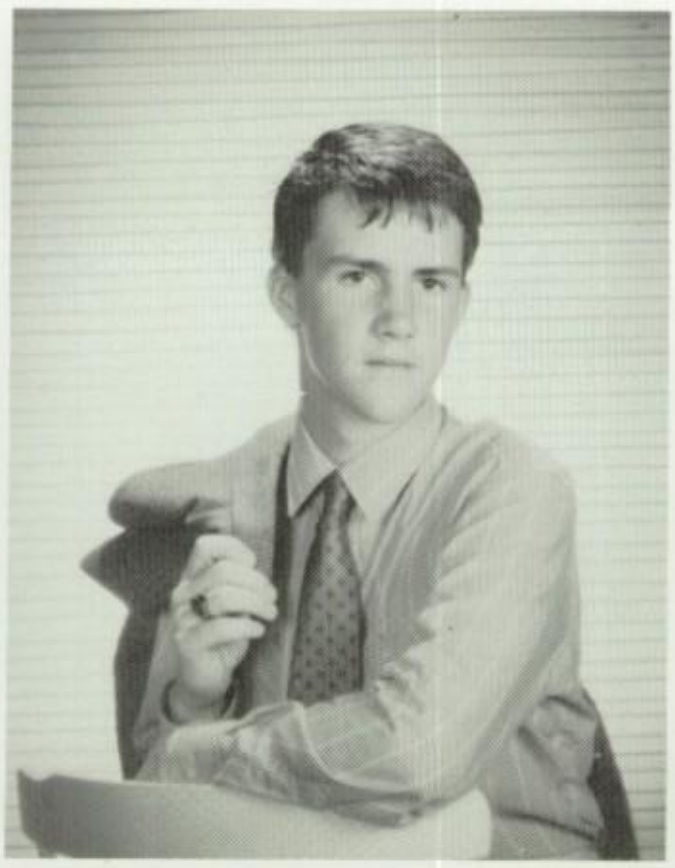


Michael,
Congratulations! We know that you will achieve whatever goals you set for yourself. We are proud of you and we love you. Always remember to put God first in whatever you do and you can make it.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kristine, and Sharon

Missy,
We love you and are proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Mark, and Brad

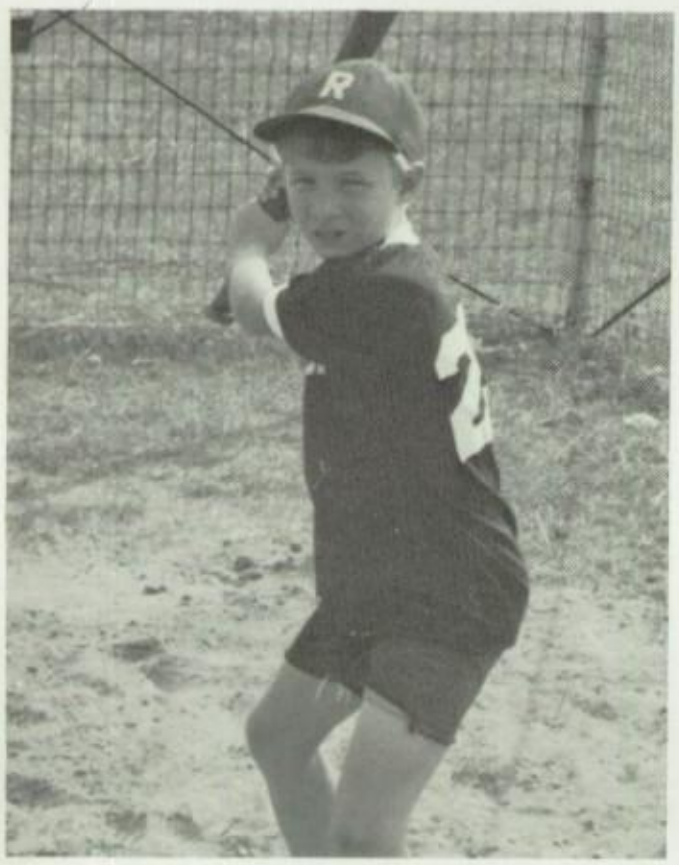
Congratulations Ann,
We are very proud of you and your accomplishments in life. May you always have the faith and love of life you have now. God bless you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, David, and Reba

Rhonda,
You have been one of God's greatest blessings to us. We love you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Ronald, Reba, and Talbert



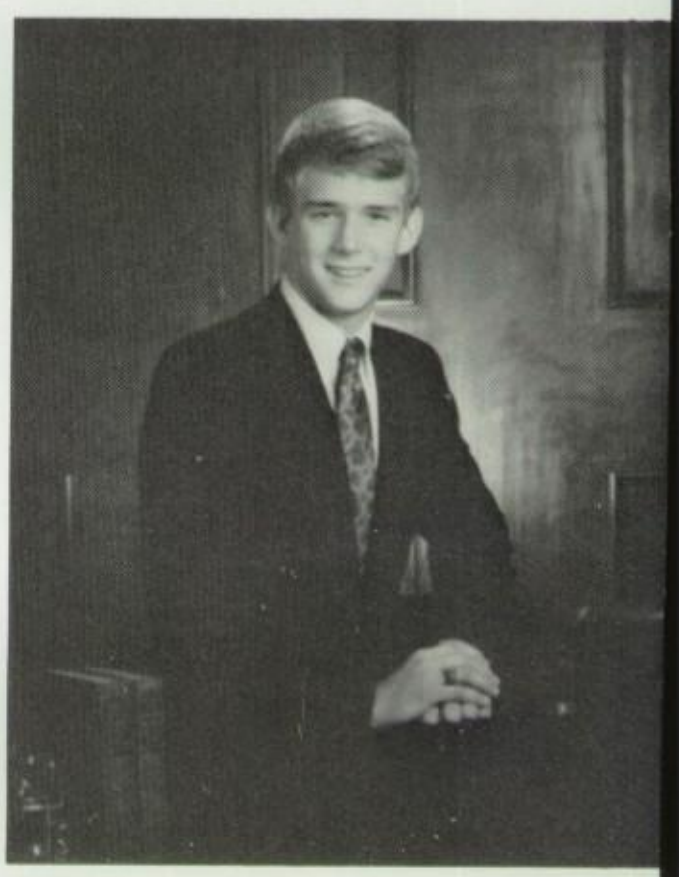
Ernest,
We are proud of you and your accomplishments. Best of all to you in whatever your future holds.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Chris

Amy,
We are very proud of you and everything you have accomplished. We wish you happiness in your future. May God continue to bless you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Thomas

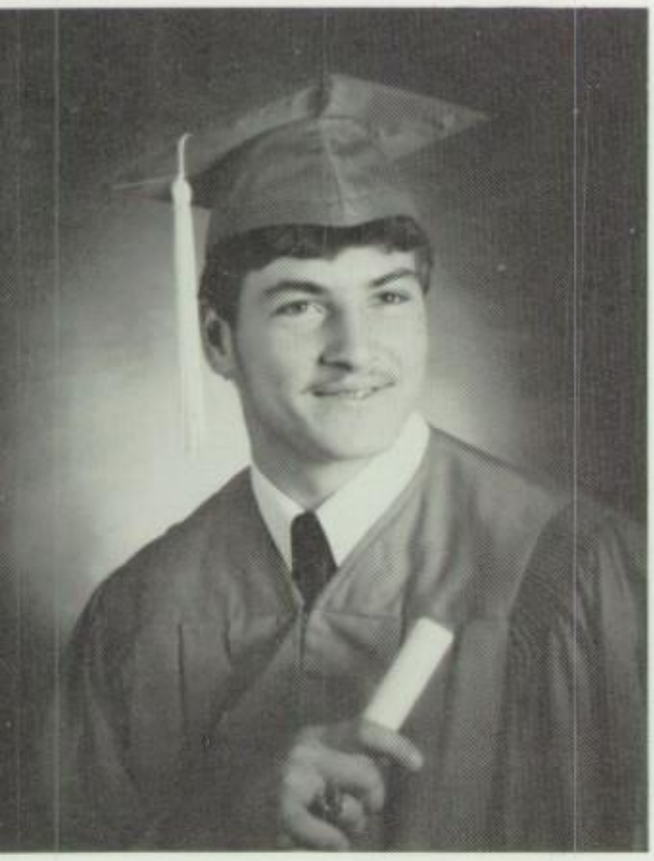


Brian,
We join you in celebrating the completion of your high school years. Whatever you choose as your game in life may you "run with patience the race that is set before you." You'll always be a winner with us.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Brent, and Benji

Ginger,
God in His goodness has blessed our family in a special way by making you a part of it. You have added to the joy and pleasure, love and laughter of our home. We are thankful for your happy temperament, your teachable spirit, your concern for others, and your desire to please Him.
Love,
Mom and Dad
Proverbs 31:29,30



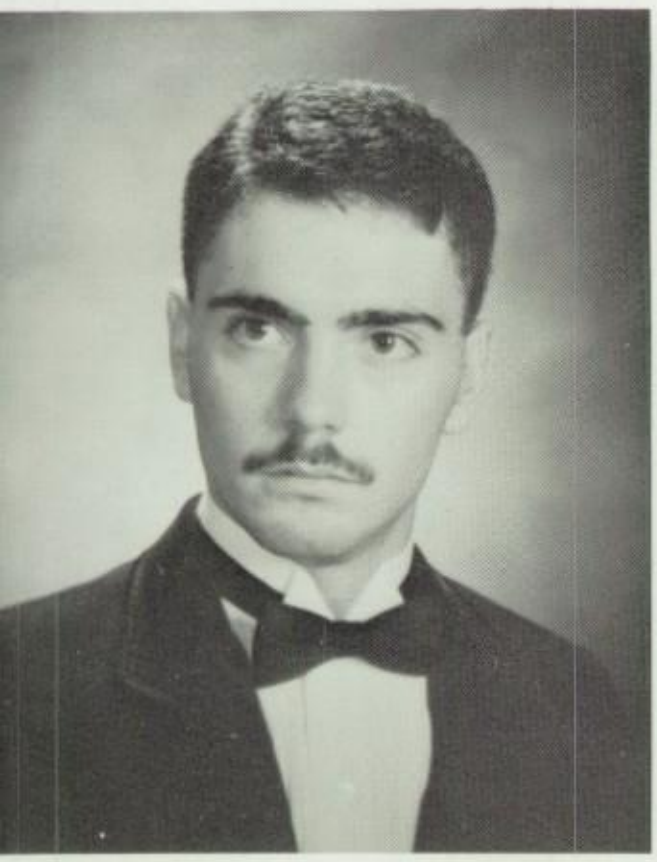
Brad,
Congratulations on the achievement of all your goals so far. Keep up the good work! We love you and are very proud of yiou.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Lewis, and Laura



Donald,
Congratulations! We love you.
Mom and Dad

Allison,
Congratulations! We love you and we are proud of you.
Love
Mom, Dad, Collin, and Holly

Julie,
We are so proud of you. Good luck in everything you attempt. We love you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Johnny



Anthony,
Congratulations! We are proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Eva,
We are proud of you and we wish you much success in the future. We will miss you.
Love,
Your American Family
Ryanie, Mary, and Heather Evans

Michele,
You are a very special person, we are very proud of you. May your future be as bright and shining as you have always been. We love you very much.
Mom, Dad and Family
Uncle Chet and Aunt Wonda

Seniors Pick Their Favorites And Exercise Their

Voting Rights

There is absolutely no limit to the wild imaginations of **Russell Flint** and **Missy Self**, our ***"CLASS CLOWNS"***.

The votes were in and counted, the decisions of the seniors were final- the group voice had spoken! In two categories of "Senior Selects," the vote was very nearly unanimousun; class clowns and school spirit! Other choices were more difficult, but in the end, the selections accurately reflected the psychic makeup of the class of 1988.

If one were to poll the rest of the student body, however, there just might be a few unusual selections!

Senior Selects We'd like to see

Most likely to own a used car lot
Paul Lozano
Straightest walker Trent Holman
Quietest girl .... Kristy Cooper
Sloppiest dresser .. Ray Hadnot
Most boyfriends .. Julie Bernard
Longest marriage . Ann Haynie
Most children .. Rhonda Tipton
Most likely to make 4-Star General ..... David Cottingham
Most likely to own a Lamborghini
Roddy Pate

"MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED" at what? Chief Bussey seems to have doubts about the talents and futures of **Brad Sams** and **Bridget Higginbotham**.

Many fields of endeavor, from athletic to zoology beckon **Trenia Hill**, and **Brian Mason**, our ***"MOST VERSATILE"*** seniors.

No one is safe from the charm and smiles of two seniors with the ***"BEST PERSONALITIES"***, **Angela Bass** and **Michael Harper**.

No school was ever more loudly or more enthusiastically cheered on than RHS was by our ***"MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED"*** **Missy Self** and **Russell Flint**.

f there's a job that must be done and done orrectly, call on the ***"MOST DEPENDABLE"*** eniors **Ginger Griffin** and **Cedrick Reliford**.

The librar;y stacks are familiar grounds for **Goran Goranovic** and **Bridget Higginbotham**, the ***"MOST STUDIOUS"*** seniors.

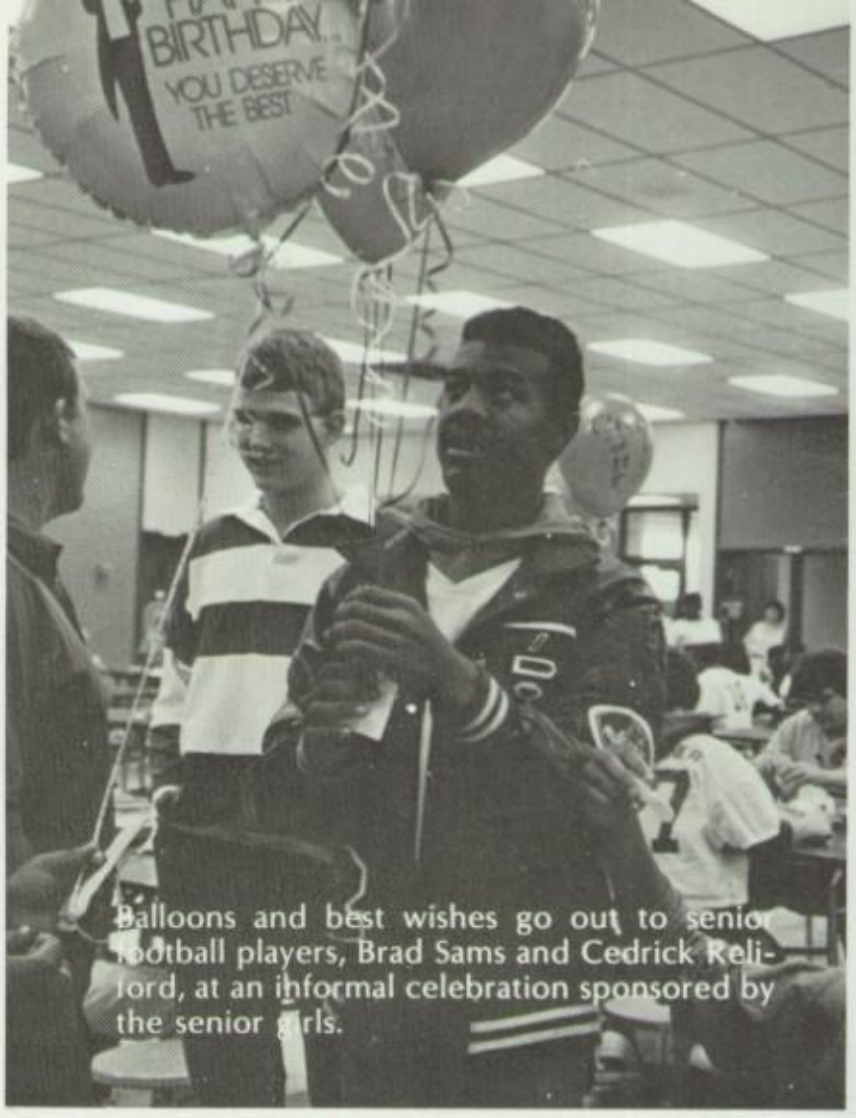
Competitiors in baseball and basketball beware! Our ***"MOST ATHLETIC"*** seniors, **Trenia Hill** and **Brian Mason** are about to gang up on you!

Intimidating Spot?

"It is the most intimidating spot at school." said seventh grader Lisa Madden. "What do you think this is, a hall?!" says Senior Ronnie Woodall to people passing through. What are these people talking about? Senior Avenue! How was it created, who started it? To find the answers to these questions and more, read on!

A careful investigation will be necessary to reveal just where the avenue came from because it showed up very mysteriously! It wasn't always there! Margaret Lloyd knew where it came from and she explained, "I was just walking down the hall one day and saw it, a hall filled with seniors. I was a senior so the natural thing to do was join." "I like Senior Avenue because it gives us all time to visit and gives us unity! I don't know how or why we started meeting there but I'm glad we did," stated senior Micheal Harper. The underclass students don't quite feel the same way about this once normal hall being turned into an avenue, an avenue that is off limits if you are not a senior. "You don't dare walk through it, it is a unwritten rule, I don't care if it is a emergency, you still go all the way around!" said eigth grader Holly Hillier.

There is probalbly more to be learned about the gathering spot if one considers the fact that the class of 88 has always been a very close knit group which has sort of "hung out" together. With locker assingments mainly bunched together in that hall, every one simply ended up meeting there. Because the hall was generally blocked with seniors anyway, what could be better than name it "Senior Avenue"?



Balloons and best wishes go out to senior football players, Brad Sams and Cedrick Relifford, at an informal celebration sponsored by the senior girls.

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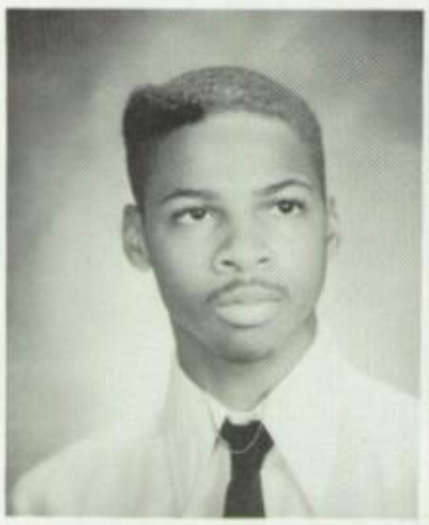
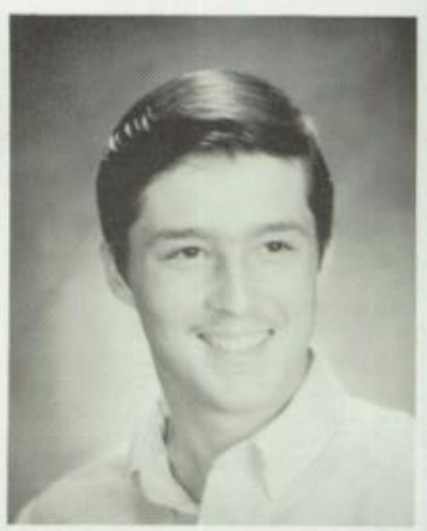
Jackie Amos
Ginger Baker
Anthony Bare





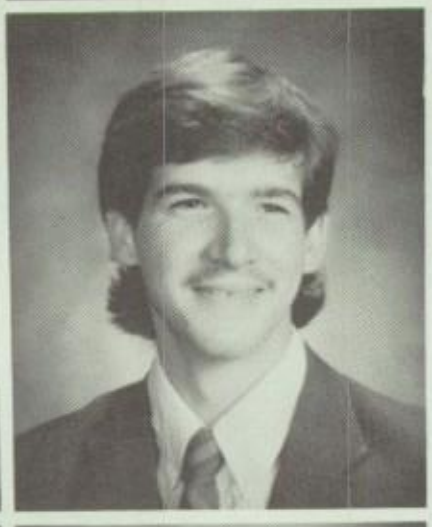
Angela Bass
Julie Bernard
Louisa Blackburn
David Bogan

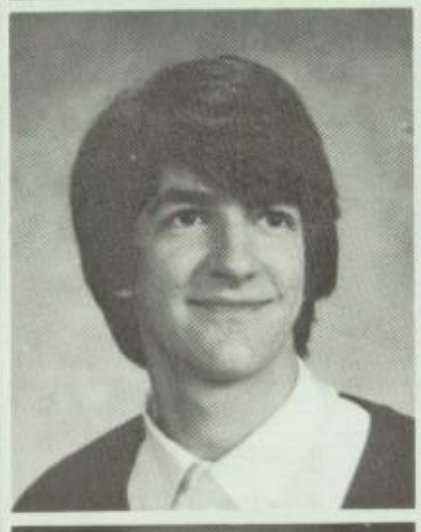
Janet Brackens
Alecia Bryan
David Conly
Kristy Cooper

Decked out in "official" garb, a pile of determined seniors block the entrance to senior avenue.

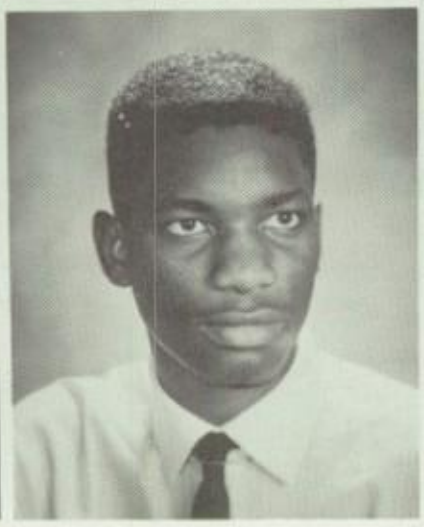
Senior spirit is vividly displayed by Ann Haynie at the football pep rally.

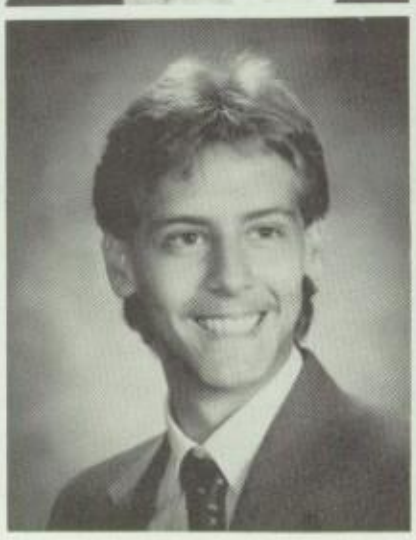
David Dobson
Russell Flint
Kristie Garlington
Rina Giles



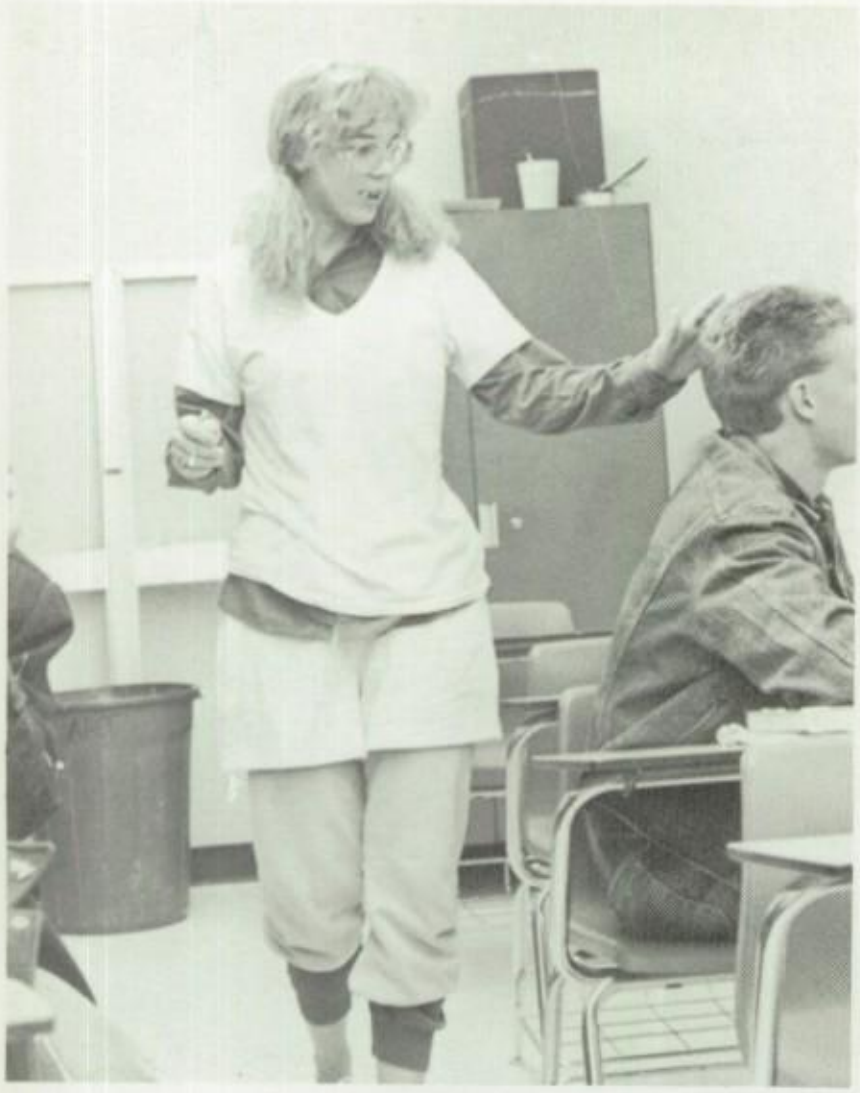


Lester Gipson
Stephen Gomila
Goran Goranovic
Ginger Griffin





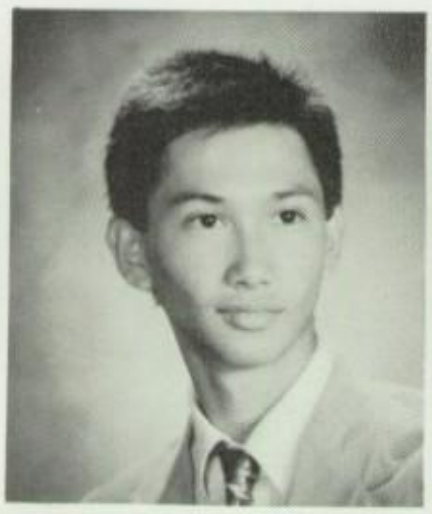
Tony Grigg
Ray Hadnot
Jason Hall
Mickie Hammett

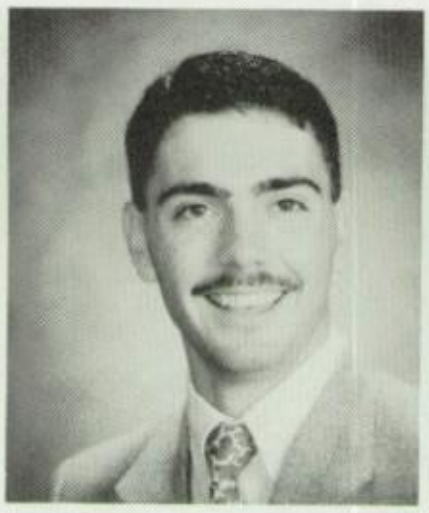


No, it's not a new variation on the "layered look", it's only Mimi Tingle parading her Sloppy Day outfit although Brian Mason is supremely unconcerned about the whole business.

An apple and some potato chips are not a very healthy lunch, but that doesn't seem to worry Jackie Amos as she munches away.

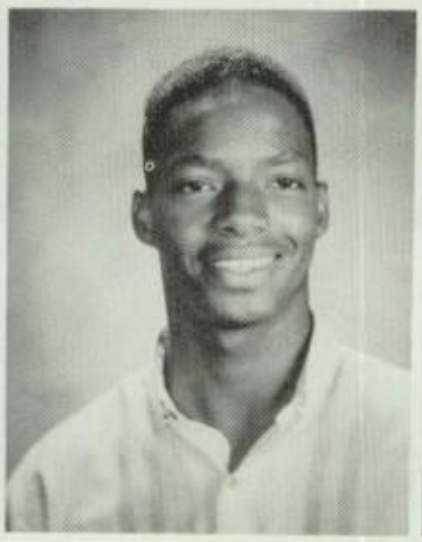
Michael Harper
Anthony Hay
Ann Haynie
Phillip Haynie

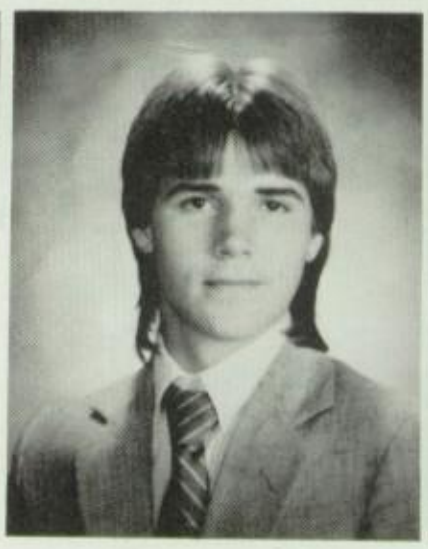


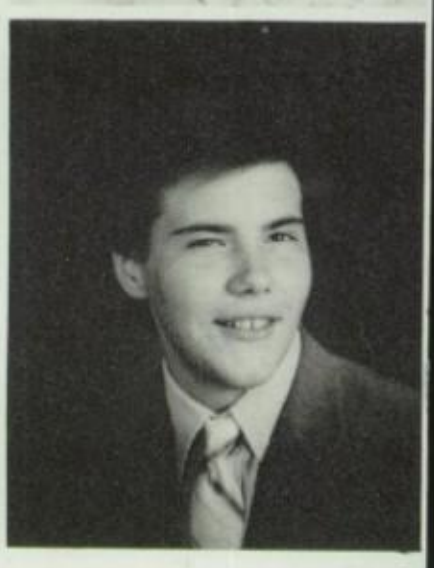


Chris Hedrick
Glen Hennigan
Michele Hershberger
Bridget Higginbotham

Trenia Hill
Trent Holman
Clay Kellogg
Tommy Leon







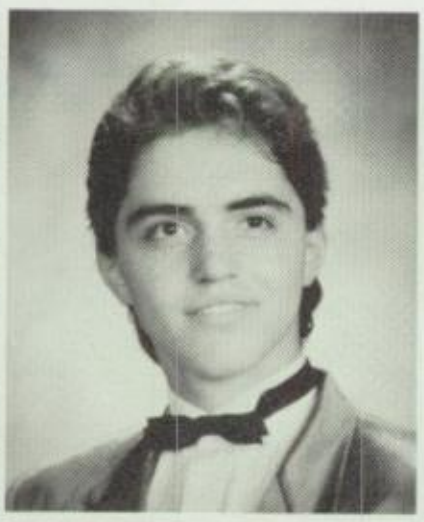
...to her crowning, the new Miss Lou-...ana Teen, Amy Pietsch, acknowledges the cheers of her adoring Baton Rouge audience.

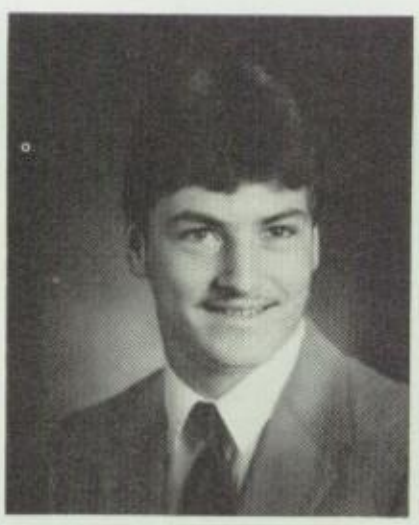
From "Little Miss" To "Darling" To "Miss Teen Louisiana"

By the time she was a senior at RHS, Amy Pietsch had already won the Ringgold Elementary "Little Miss" competition and had been named "RHS Darling" in her freshman year. Considering all of this, it came as no surprise to our proud community when Amy was selected "Miss Louisiana Teen- U.S.A." at the Baton Rouge pageant. This title makes Amy eligible to compete in the "Miss Teen U.S.A." pageant which will be shown on national television.

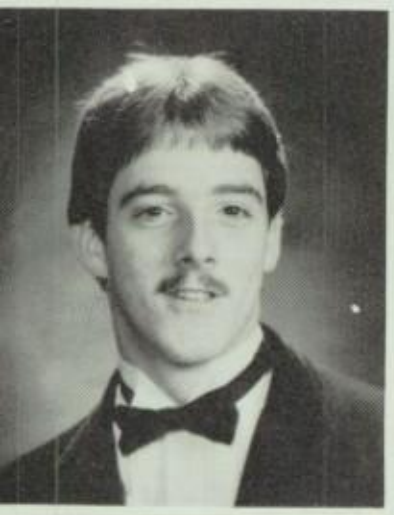
When asked where she is from, Amy always says proudly that her home is "Ringgold" and not "a suburb of Shreveport" or "a town just south of Minden." Amy feels strongly that the support and encouragement of her school and community have really helped her and given her the courage to compete.

Amy is naturally excited by the present but she also has been preparing for her future. One of the prizes in the state pageant was a full scholarship to Northwestern State University which she plans to use upon completion of her term as "Miss Teen Louisiana". Of course, her college career may be postponed of she should win the "Miss Teen U.S.A." competition! Win or lose, however, when the last pageant is over, Ringgold will continue to be very proud of Amy!



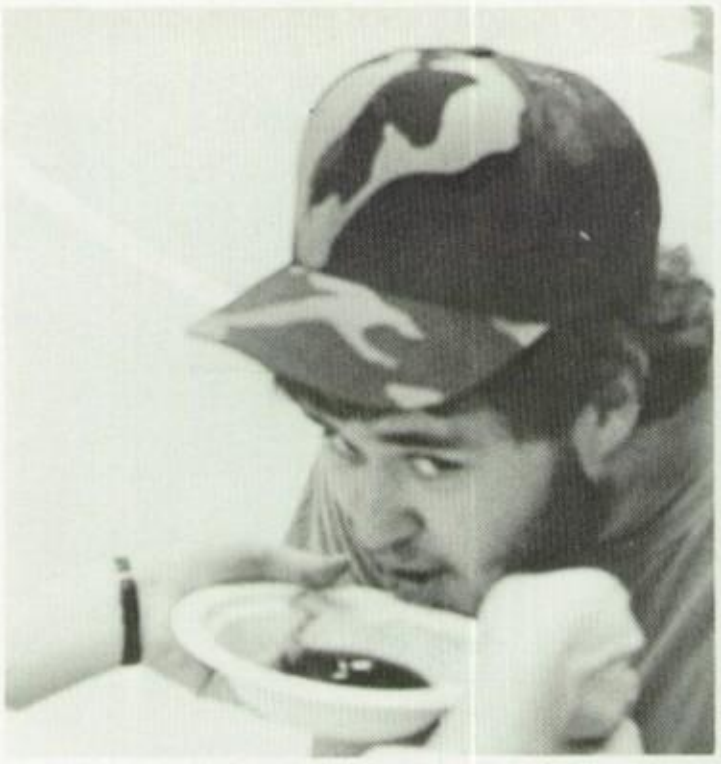


Margaret Lloyd
Paul Lozano
Donald Marler
Brian Mason



Gerry McCoy
Cherry Miles
Gary Mitchell
Schulyer Moore

Allison Oney
Roddy Pate
Amy Pietsch
Richard Pietsch

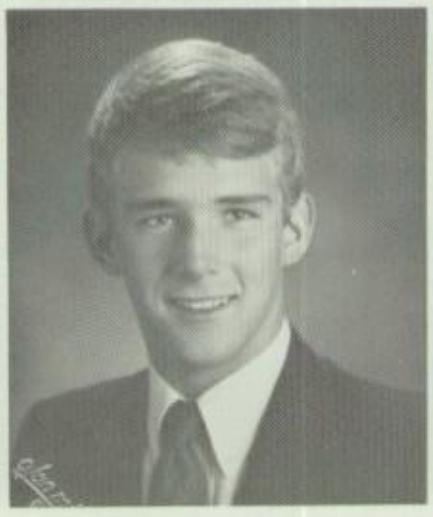


It may have been all in good, clean fun, but Chris Hedrick is just a wee bit suspicious of the cheerleader's "fare" at the football pep rally.

Wide eyed and bushy haired, Seniors Kristy Cooper, Ginger Griffin, Rhonda Tipton and Julie Bernard indulge in a little grandstand display during a pep rally.

Eva Pisterna
Curlie Rambo
Rene Rasco
Cedrick
Reliford

Dee Ricketson
Brad Sams
Missy Self
Clark Sheffield



s party time for Goran Goranivic as tries on his new hat, a gift from his nerican friends on the yearbook staff. e occasion was Goran's first Ameri-n-style birthday party October ,1987.

''You Crazy Americans!''

This year's foreign exchange students may differ in back-ound and culture, but they share the the same opinions out the American people, and more specifically, Ringgold! What a relative term, that word "time"! It passed a whole rnity from the moment I had read my dad's message, orane stigao ti je OPEN DOOR!"-("Goran, your OPEN OOR arrived", referring to the moment when the informa-n about my host family arrived)-till I finally stepped into J.F. Kennedy Airport in New York, saying to myself, "This small step for mankind, but a great one for you, Goran!" Seven months later, I'm beginning to realize the full mean-of the phrase ". . . passed as a snap of the fingers!". In the tire period I could barely find time to write even to my sest friends in Yugoslavia. The lifestyle in the U.S. is so ferent and yet so similar to the Yugoslav way of living that I t didn't think it would be some great surprise for them to d about things they have already heard or seen about nerica.

America's influence upon the rest of the world is obvious: owledge, economy, society, foreign policy, sexual revolu-n, AIDS, stock market, and a "bunch" of other "stuff". wever, not everything goes over the oceans. Some of the crets stay at home waiting for eager exchange students and hers to uncover them!

Every American knows how Yankees have constant difficul-s in understanding their countrymen, Southerners. But can u imagine MY shock when I'd experienced crazy southern ng! "Look at the DAWG!", or "I TOLE 'im Y'ALL are FIX'N go to JAWJUH!" However, the slang wasn't so strange to e, since a lot of English (American) words have found their ace in daily speaking among Yugoslav teenagers. So, if you er come to Yugoslavia, don't be surprised if you hear: "tvoj oice" (your choice), "Hi! Kak si mi ti!" (Hi! How are you!), or adiska" (read "badishka": a slang word referring to a de-essed or bad feeling).

And not only that. There isn't a teenager who doesn't have least one pair of American Levi's or Wrangler jeans. Movies Yugoslavia are mainly America's production, and it is noth-g but American music that is listened to at homes and disco ubs throughout the country.

Of course, the story of Americanization wouldn't be com-ete without mentioning the big, yellow "M" of McDonald's at was opened a month ago in Yugoslavia's capital of Bel-grade!

As a Yugoslavian, (Yugoslavians are known as great lovers of good food) I was used to eating a lot of pork. A meal without a piece of meat and a loaf of bread wasn't considered as a good one. What in America is a peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, in Yugoslavia is (or used to be) a piece of bread with a layer of salty grease on it. Attitude in considering food as being good or bad is so different that mentioning the greasy sandwiches made my American friends (and especially my host-mother, Vicky, who is a nurse) tell me how much fat, calories, and cholesterol are contained in such a sandwich. According to them, I have acquired so great an amount of these not-so-good-for-you things that I was supposed to have "died" two years ago! Unfortunately for my feelings toward greasy sandwiches, I have realized potential danger, and for sure, it's going to be very hard to force me to eat my ex-favorites!

On the other hand, I was astonished what these Americans put on their plates: cottage cheese, pineapple, and mayonnaise as a salad; a good old burger with ketchup and refrozen "french fries" (or a half-bloody steak with sweet potatoes), and finally, a microwave cake! Further,I was shocked when I heard of cereals and peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches, since I hadn't experienced them before. After I tried them, I was shocked even more because TO VOPCE NIJE BILO LOSE (That stuff was not bad at all)! As a final result, cereals became my daily breakfast, peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches my favorites, and the law of adaptability again proved itself!

Another amazing thing for me was the influence of the American mass media. After several months, commercials made such an impression on me that I thought Americans were the world's fattest and unhealthiest persons. People with bad breath, stuffy nose (even during the summer), headaches, sinus problems, and other numerous diseases. The fact that Americans are the "cleanest" nation in the world (according to the consumption of body-cleaning products) is not (obviously) a good enough reason for stopping the advertisements of dozens of different kinds of soaps, shampoos, and toothpastes. Yet, all of that is just another proof of America's great advancement and competition! It is for sure better to have more, than not to have enough!

And finally, my greatest experience-the school. Working in such a unique community of people, I could never predict what kind of strange action these crazy Americans would make next! (Senior Skip Day, not having school because of cold weather...) I always had to be prepared for any kind of silly questions. Like: "Do y'all have newspapers?", or "Do y'all watch television in Yugoslavia?", etc.

At the same time, it was impossible not to notice higher standards in American schools. Air-conditioning devices, carpets throughout the school, the possibility of ordering remarkable science equipment, etc. Still, American students' motivation for studying is far below the interest of Yugoslavian pupils. School curricula are not offering enough, so it is not surprising why lots of Americans are not familiar with facts they should know. Hopefully, this great nation will figure out something (as it always does) to give the opportunity to all students to learn and contribute more, and to be more tolerant!

I have visited many beautiful places in the United States as well as in my Yugoslavia. And from all my experiences with different kinds of people I have inferred that no matter how different you are in your language, culture, background, or appearance; there is always a friendly smile understood by everybody!!

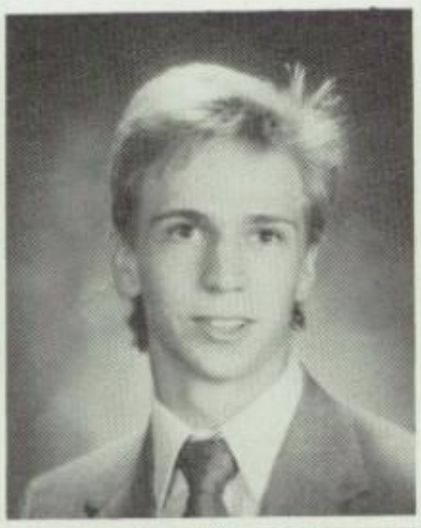
And I tell you, these Americans really know how to use it!

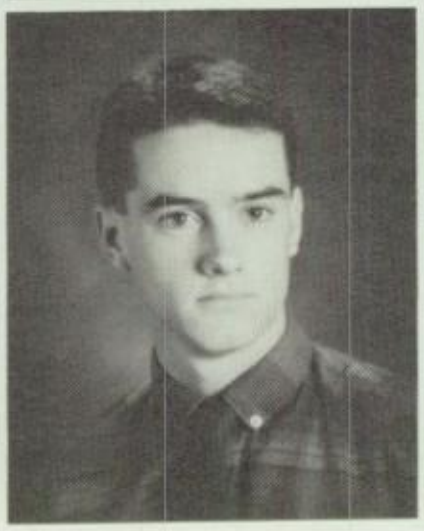
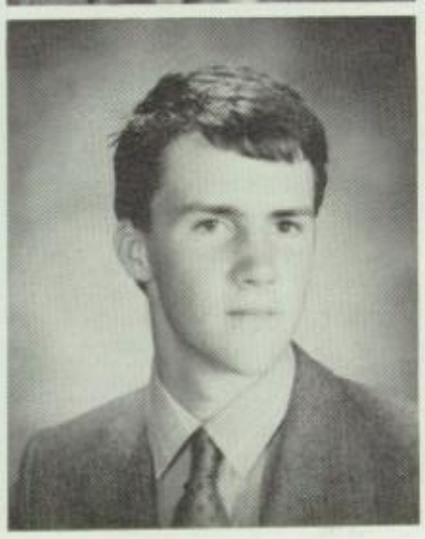
-Goran Goranovic

Okay, my name is Eva Pisterna and I'm from Frankfurt in Germany. The major change for me in coming to Ringgold has been the differences between schools in the U.S. and my homecountry, Germany; although there are differences in life, food, and the people, also. In Germany, we don't have graduations, senior rings, yearbooks, caps and gowns, pep rallies, or cheerleaders! That probably sounds boring, but believe me-it's not!!

Another big difference, probably the biggest of all for me, was to live in a small town like Ringgold. I remember the first day I was here — I looked out the window and all I saw were cows and woods everywhere! It wasn't funny! But from day to day I liked it more, and I already know now that I'm gonna miss Ringgold. The school, the people, and even the woods and cows.

Eva Pisterna



Mimi Tingle
Rhonda Tipton
Scot Whiteman
LaShonda Whitfield

Allison Wimberly
Ronnie Woodall
Ernest Woodard

Not Pictured:
Shelly Clifton
David Cottingham
Louis Hamilton
David LeBlanc

Here Is Our List Of WHAT WE HAVE DONE

Chris Allen- 4-H-1,2; FFA-1,2.
Jackie Amos- 4-H-3,4; FBLA-3,4; FHA-1,2,3,4; Cheerleader-1,2; Beauty Pageant 2nd runner-up-1; Beauty Pageant 1st runner-up-2.
Ginger Baker- FBLA-2; FFA-3; District Rally-Business English-4.
Anthony Bare- 4-H-1,2; FFA-1,2,3,4.
Angela Bass- FHA-3,4; Student Council-1; District Rally-Food/Nutrition-3: Home/Family-4; Best Personality-4; Homecoming Maid-4; FFA Queen-3; Academic Diploma.
Julie Bernard- 4-H-1,2,3,4: Reporter-1,2,3,4; Track-1; Softball-2; Cheerleader-1,2; Band-4; Majorette-3,4; Yearbook-2,3,4: Editor 3,4; Class Secretary-2,3,4; FBLA Rally-Public speaking-3; FBLA Rally-impromtu speaking-4; District Rally-Clerical Practice-3; Friendliest-1; Beauty Pageant 3rd runner-up-2; Senior Play; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.
Louisa Blackburn- 4-H-1,2; FBLA-2; FHA-1,2; Yearbook-2,3; District Rally-Home Economics-1; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.
David Bogan- 4-H-1,2; FFA-2,3,4.
Janet Brackens- FBLA-3; FHA-1,2,3,4: Parlimentarian-3 and Vice President-4; Basketball-1,2,3,4; Softball 4; Student Council 3; Class Vice-President-2,3,4; District Rally-Spelling-2: Child Development-3; Homecoming Maid-1,3; Homecoming Queen-4; Honor Graduate 1,3; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.
Alicia Bryan- 4-H-2; Academic Diploma
Shelly Clifton- 4-H-1,2,3; FBLA-2,3; FHA-1,2; FFA-3; Majorette-2,3; Academic Diploma.
David Conly- 4-H-1,2,3,4; FBLA-3; FFA-1,2,4; FBLA Rally-Poster Drawing-3; Senior Play.
Kristy Cooper- 4-H-1,2; FBLA-4; FHA-1,2,3,4: Treasurer-2,4; Softball-2,4; Senior Play.
David Dobson- FFA-4; Basketball-1,2; District Rally-Algebra I and Physical Science-1: Geometry-2.
Russell Flint- 4-H-1,2,3,4; FBLA-2,3,4; FFA-1,2,3,4: Parlimentary Law team-1,2,3,4: Pasture and Range-1,2,3,4; Class Treasurer-1; Class Clown-1,4; Most School Spirit-4; Senior Play; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.
Kristie Garlington- 4-H-1,2,3; Junior Leaders-1,2,3; FBLA-2,3; FHA-1,2,3; Softball-1,2,3,4; Cheerleader-1,3; Student Council-2,3; Class Secretary-1; District Rally-Home Making I-1: Management of Resources-3; Cutest-1; Most Courteous-1; Beauty Pageant 2nd runner-up-1; Homecoming Queen-4; FFA Queen 1st runner-up-3; Academic Diploma.
Rina Giles- 4-H-3; FBLA-3,4: Parlimentarian-4; FHA-2,3,4: Parlimentarian-2: Historian-3; Softball-4; Senior Play; Perfect Attendance-1,2,3.
Lester Gipson- 4-H-1,2; FFA-1,2,3; Football-2,3,4: All District Offense and defense-4; Class Vice President-1; Class Secretary-2,3.
Stephen Gomila- 4-H-1,2; FFA-1,2,3,4: State-(3rd)Pasture and Range-4; District Rally-Physical Science-1: Ag. I-2: Free Enterprise-2: Ag. II-3: Biology-3: Ag. III-4; State Rally-Physical Science-1: Ag. I-2; Academic Diploma.
Goran Goranavic- Most Studious-4, Honor Graduate; Academic diploma; Who's Who award.
Ginger Griffin 4-H-2,3,4; Yearbook-3,4: Co-editor-4: Assis. Photographer; District Ralljy-French-2; English III-3 Chemistry-4; State Rally-French-2; Most Dependable-4; Senior Play; FBLA Rally-4; FBLA State Rally-4; Honor Graduate; Academic diploma Who's Who award.
Tony Grigg- 4-H-1,2,3,4; FFA-2,3,4; District Rally-Ag I-2; Ag II-3 Ag III-4; State Rally-Ag II-3 ,Ag III(First Place)-4
Jason Hall-Honor Graduate; Academic diploma.
Ray Hadnot- 4-H-1,2: Secretary-1; Junior Leader-1,2; FBLA-3,4 FFA-1: Dairy Products Judging and Parlimentary Law team-Football-1,2,3; Scholastic Football award-3; Band-1,2; Student Council-2,4; Class President-1,2,4; Music Rally-1; FBLA Rally-Accounting II-4; District Rally-Physical Science-1: Biology-2: Sociology-2: English III-3: Accounting I-3: Chemistry-4: French-4 State Rally-Accounting I-3: Fench-4; Senior Play; Most Dependable-1; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who award
Louis Hamilton- Football-4; Track-3,4.
Mickie Hammett- 4-H-1; FBLA-2,3,4.
Michael Harper- 4-H-1,2,3; FBLA-3,4; FFA-1,2,3; District Rally Spelling-1; English & AgII-2; French & Ag III-3; World History-4 State Rally-Ag II-2; Best Personality-4; FBLA Rally-Parlimentary Procedures-3,4; Honor Graduate; Academic diploma; Who's Who award.
Anthony Hay- FFA-1,2,3,4: Sentinel-3,4; District Rally-AgII-3 Senior Play; Academic diploma.
Ann Haynie- 4-H-1: Vice President-1; FBLA-3; Softball-3; Cheerleader-1,2,3; Band-1,2; Flagline-2; Student Council-1,4; Class President-1,2,3; Band-1,2; Flagline-2; Student Council-1,4; Class President-1,2,3,4; District Rally-Civics-1: Music-2: English III-3 Wittiest-1; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.
Phillip Haynie- 4-H-1,2; FBLA-3; FFA-1,2,3; Baseball-1,2,3; District Rally-English I and Ag. I-1: Civics-2: American History-3; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.
Chris Hedrick-FBLA-2,3; FFA-1,2,3,4; Football-2; Academic Diploma.
Glen Hennigan- FFA-1,2,3,4.
Michele Hershberger- 4-H-1,2,3,4; FBLA-2,3: Reporter-3; FHA-FFA-2,3; Softball-3; Band-1,2,3; Flagline-1,2,3; District Rally-Geography-4; Academic Diploma.
Bridget Higginbotham- 4-H-1,2,3,4: Treasurer-3; Junior Leaders-1,2; FBLA-2,3,4; Band-1,2,3; Flagline-2,3; Yearbook-3,4: Co-Editor-4: Co-Photographer-4; Student Council-4; Class Treeasurer-; District Rally-Algebra I and French-1: Geometry and Civics-; Algebra II and Physics-3: Advanced Math and Spelling-4; State Rally-Physics-3; FBLA Rally-Business Law-3,4: Typing I-2; Most Studious-4; Most likely to Succeed-4; Senior Play; Honorary Senator-3; LSUS Outstanding Senior-4; Miss RHS; Honor Graduate Academic Diploma; American Legion Award; Who's Who Award
Trenia Hill- FBLA-3; FHA-1,2,3,4: Secretary-4; Basketball-1,2,3, Track-1,2; Flagline-3; Student Council-1,2,3,4; Class Secretary-1, Class President-3; Class Treasurer-4; District Rally-Spelling-Spelling and English IV-4; Most Athletic-1,2,3,4; Most Versatile-First Place in Parish Spelling Bee-3,4; Honor Graduate, Academ Diploma, Who's Who Award; Scholar/Athlete Award.
Trent Holman- 4-H-1,2; FFA-1,2,3; Football-1,2,3,4; Baseball-Track-4; Student Council-1; Class Treasurer-1,2,3; Class Secretary 4; Most Athletic-1.

Opposite page: Patiently waiting for their turn to receive diplomas, the seniors of '88 were both sad and happy.
Yelling their heads off, the seniors compete in the class spirit competition at a football pep rally. Needless to say they won their share for having the most spirit.

lay Kellogg- FFA-1,2; Cutest-1.
avid LeBlanc- FBLA-3,4; Baseball-3.
Margaret Lloyd- 4-H-1,2,3; FHA-1,2,3,4: Treasurer-3: President-4; earbook-4; District Rally-Sociology-3: Accounting I and World eography-4; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who ward.
aul Lozano- Transfer from Calif.; Soccer-2; Class Treasurer-2; BLA-3; 4-H-3; District Rally-Sociology-3: Civics-4; Academic Di-oma.
onald Marler- 4-H-4; FFA-1,2,3,4; Football-1,4; Baseball-1,2,3; rack-3: Academic Diploma.
rian Mason- 4-H-1,2,3,4; FBLA-4; FFA-1,2,3,4: Parlimentarian-2: eporter-3: Vice President-4: State Comepition-(1st)Swine Pro-uction-2:(6th)Soil Judging-2: (1st)Pasture & Range-3: Horticul-re-3,4: National Competition-Pasture & Range-3; Football-2,3,4: All-District-3,4; Baseball-1,2,3,4; All-District-4; Basketball-Track-3,4; District Rally-Ag. II and World History-2: Ag. III-3: merican Government and English IV-4; Most Athletic-4; Most ersatile-4; All District Defensive End-3,4; Honor Graduate; Aca-emic Diploma; Who's Who Award.
herry Miles- 4-H-1; FHA-4; Softball-2.
chulyler Moore- FBLA-4; Basketball-1,2; Track-2.
llison Oney- 4-H-1,2,4: President-2; Junior Leaders-1,2,4: Presi-ent-1,2,4; FBLA-1,2,4; FHA-1,2; Cheerleader-1,2,4; District Rally-ome Ec-1: World History-2: Home Ec II and American History-4; eatest-1; RHS Young Miss-1; Honor Graduate; Academic Diplo-a; Who's Who Award.
oddy Pate- 4-H-1,2,3,4: Social Chairman-2: Treasurer-1; FBLA-3,4: Parlimentarian-2: Treasurer-3; Band-1,2; District Rally-Cleri-l Practice-4; FBLA Rally-Office Machines-4; Honorary Senator-Academic Diploma.
my Pietsch- 4-H-1,2,3,4: Secretary-2; Junior Leader-1,2,3,4: So-al Chairman-1; FHA-1,2,3,4: Social Chairman-4; Track-1; Band-2,3,4; Majorette-1,2,4; Class Treasurer-1; Class Vice President-4; District Rally-Consumer Homemaking-1: Sociology-2; State ally-Consumer Homemaking-1; Most Popular-1; Homecoming laid-1,2; RHS Young Miss-1; B.Hi.U State Reporter-4; La Teen SA-4; Academic Diploma.
ichard Pietsch- 4-H-1,2; FFA-1,2,3,4
va Pisterna- FBLA-4; Softball-4; District Rally-Computer Litera-re-4.
Curlie Rambo- FBLA-3; Band-1,2,3,4; Flagline-1,2,3,4.
lecia Rasco- 4-H-1,2,3,4; FHA-1,2,3,4; District Rally-Food and lutrition-3: Office Procedures and Geography-4.
Cedrick Reliford- 4-H-1; FFA-1,2,3,4: Football-3,4; Track-3,4; riendliest-1; Most Dependable-4; Senior Play.
Dee Ricketson- 4-H-1,2,3,4: Vice President-2,3; FBLA-2,3: Vice resident-2; Social Chairman-3; Band-2,3; District Rally-Geogra-hy-2; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.
Brad Sams- 4-H-1,2,3,4: Parl.-2: Secretary-3; Jr. Leaders-1,2,3; BLA-2,3,4: Parl.-3; FFA-1,2,3,4: Reporter-2: V-Pres.-3: Pres.-4: Area I Pres.-4: FFA State -(6th)Soil Judging: (1st)Pasture & Range: 2ed)Farm Business Management: (1st)Wildlife Management and peciality Animals: National Competition-Pasture & Range-3: arm Business Management-4; Football-1,2,3,4: Scholastic Foot-all Award-1,2,3,4; All-District-4: Composite Academic All-State-4; Baseball-1,2,3,4: All-District-4; Basketball-3; Student Council-3; Class Treas.-3; District Rally-Algebra I and English I-1: Geometry and Free Enterprise-2: Algebra II and American History-3: Trigonometry and Advanced Math-4; State Rally-Algebra I-1: Geometry-2: (2ed)Algebra II-3; Most Courteous-1; Most Likely to Succeed-4; Senior Play; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award; Mr. RHS; DAR Award; American Legion Award; Scholar/Athlete Award; FFA Outstanding Senior Leadership Award.

Missy Self- 4-H-1,2,3; FBLA-2,3; FHA-2,3; Basketball-2; Softball-1,2,3,4; Cheerleader-2; Band-1; Yearbook-3; Class Clown-4; Most School Spirited-4; Academic Diploma.

Clark Sheffield-Transfer from Texas-4; FBLA-3; Football-2,3,4; Track-1,2; Band-1,2,4; Choir-3; Most Talented-2; Most Courteous-1; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who.

Mimi Tingle- 4-H-1,2,3,4; FBLA-2,3,4: Treasurer-4; Jr. Leaders-1,2,3,4: Parl.-3,4; Softball-1,2,3; Majorette-1,2,3; Class V. Pres.-1,3; District Rally-English II and Geometry-2: American History and English III-3; Trigonometry and Chemistry-4; FBLA Rally-Accounting I-3: Accounting II-4; Senior Play; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.

Rhonda Tipton- 4-H-1,2,3,4: Pres.-1,2,3; J.r Leaders-1,2,3,4; FBLA-2,3; Cheerleader-2,3; Band-1,2,3,4; Stage Band-4; Majorette-4; Yearbook-3,4: Co-editor-4; District Rally-Typing I-2: Free Enterprise-4; RHS Darling-2; Senior Play; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.

Scot Whiteman- FBLA-3; FFA-1,2,3,4: Sentinel-2: Small Engine Team-1st NLU-4th Area I; Football-1; Baseball-1,2,3,4; District Rally-English I-1: Civics-2: Ag. IV and English IV-4; State Rally-Ag. IV-4; Neatest-2; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award; Senior Play.

Lashonda Whitfield- FBLA-3,4; FHA-3,4; Basketball-1,2,3,4; Track-1,2,3; Softball-4; District Rally-Business English-4.

Allison Wimberly- Transfer from Riverdale-3; 4-H-1; FHA-1,2; Basketball-1,2; Track-1,2; Softball-4; Yearbook-1,2; Student Council-1,2; Class Reporter-1,2; District Rally-English-1: English II and Home Ec II-2: Free Enterprise-3,4; Most Studious; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.

Ronnie Woodall- FBLA-4; FFA-2,3; Football-1,2,3,4; Track-1,2,3,4; Yearbook-4; District Rally-Ag I-2: World History-4; State Rally-World History-4; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award.

Ernest Woodard- 4-H-1,2,3,4; FBLA-2,3,4; FFA-1,2,3,4: FFA State-(1st)Dairy Cattle Judging-4: (2ed)Dairy Cattle Proffiency-4:(6th)Soil Judging-2: (3rd)Farm Business Management-4 Horticulture-4: National Competition-Dairy Cattle-3, Pasture & Range-3, Farm Business Management-4; Baseball-4; District Rally-Ag. I-1: Biology-2: Ag. III and Computer Literacy-3: Ag. IV-4; State Rally-Ag. I-1; Senior Play; Honor Graduate; Academic Diploma; Who's Who Award; FFA DKALB Outstanding Senior Award.

With Spirit, Confusion And Hard Work We Only Have

One More To Go!

Having a totally radical time was a must for the junior class. When they entered the building each morning the noise level began to rise at the north end of the hall.

"We've got spirit, how about you," was the simultaneous chant of the juniors at the pep rallies all through the year. The juniors started the year off right, by winning the spirit week competition for participation, and the lip sync contest the following week.

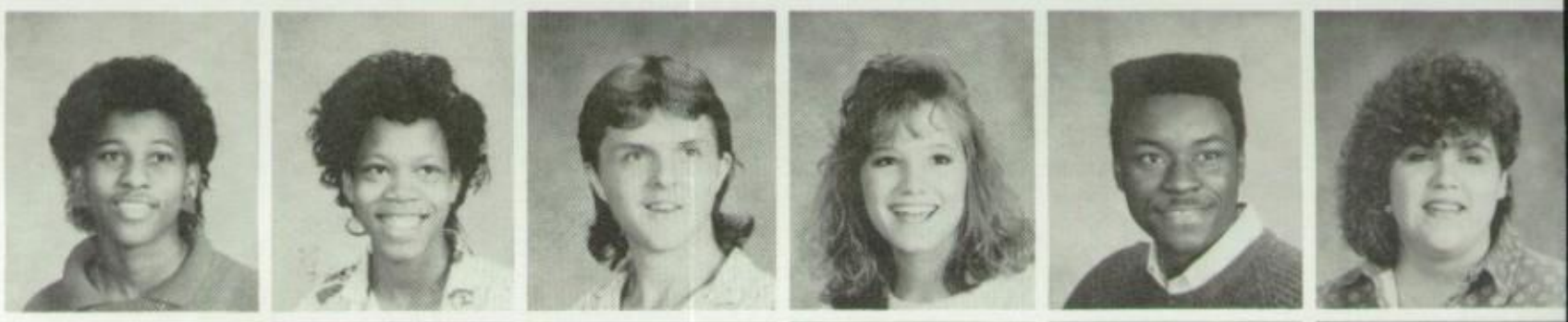
As the year progressed, the juniors became excited about the extra attention focused on them. The fun started with the selection of the class rings. "How do you like this?" "Isn't this live!," "I love this," was only part of the confusion at the ring review. "I think the rings are the best part of being a junior," stated Tyrette Kennedy. But, the fun didn't last for long.

The excitement began to lower when the testing started. Some juniors were first challenged by the PSAT test, which was taken only by a small portion of the class, to give students a preview of college entrance exams. They got the idea!

Then there was the ASVAB exam, which was a lengthy test. It wasn't too bad, however because many of the students did quite well on it. As the year progressed, college-bound junirs also took ACT test. "I think it's a good idea for everyone to take the test, just to see how they have retained what they learned," explained Larson Cunningham.

Though the were more requirements and responsibilities, the juniors' spirits weren't broken. They remained spirited because they found consolation in knowing they had only one more year to go!

Ericka Ashley
Linda Ashley
Chad Barmore
Jennifer Bass
Frederick Braggs
Allyson Brewer



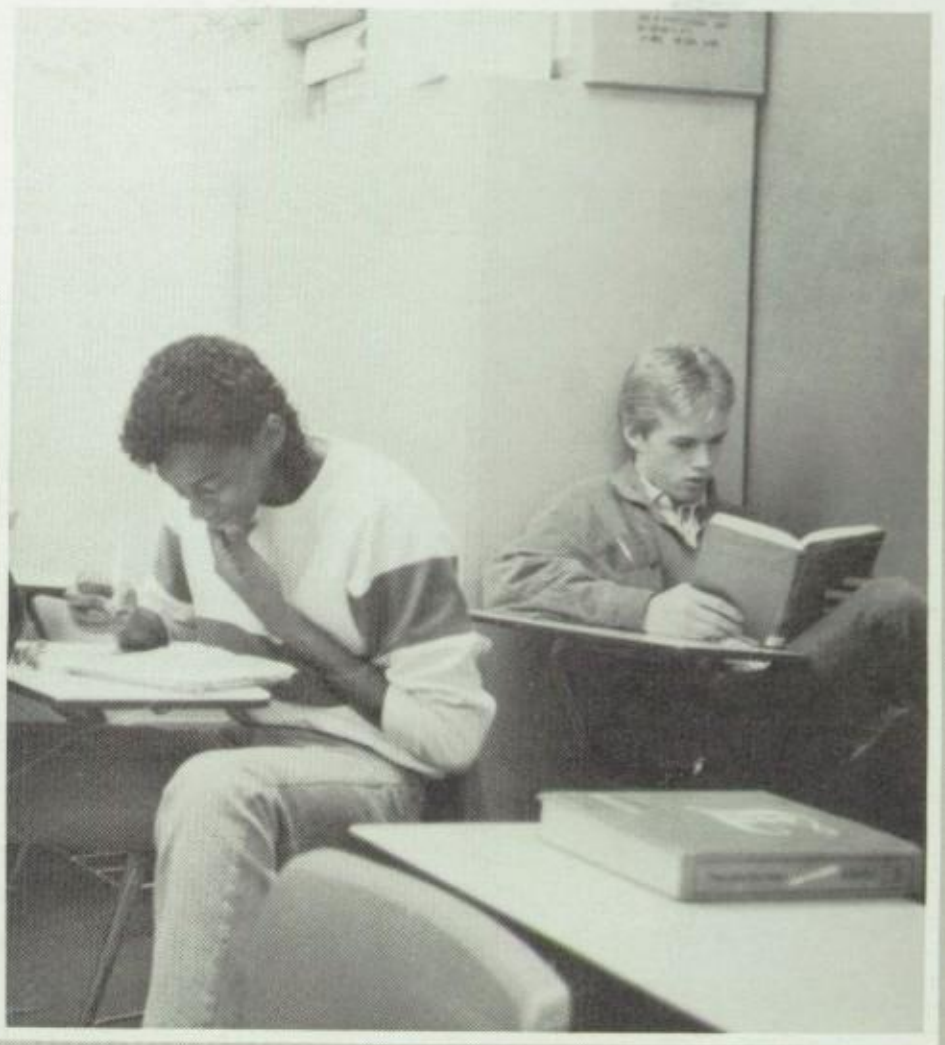
Lisa Bryant
Brad Bullock
Keeland Carter
Larson Cunningham
Stanley Cunningham
Heather Evans

Christy Glover
Corey Golatt
Kaye Grigg
Reba Haynie
Paul Hillier
Brian Hullion

Kevin Hullaby
Lori Jackson
Laketcha Johnson
Taurus Johnson
Tony Johnson
Barbara Jones

That's the one . . . positively! Kenneth Reliford points out his ring selection to Stuart Toney while Bobby Pate tries on another one of the many samples.

Lost in a world of his own, Brad Bullock concentrates on his reading while Stanley Cunningham puzzles over his English assignment.



Tyrette Kennedy
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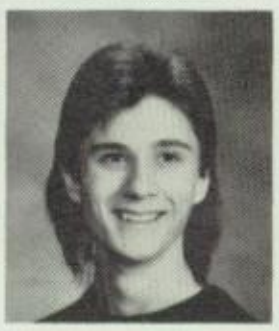
Bonney Lemke
Roderick Llorens



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Randall Morgan
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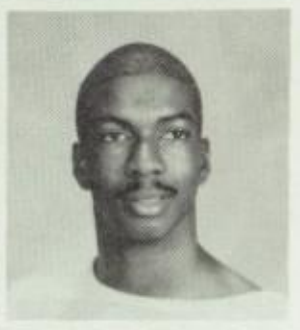
Richard Nailes



Bobby Pate
Beth Powell
Evelyn Reed
Kenneth Reliford
Roderick Reliford
Antony Roberson

Melissa Salter
Taiten Salter
Rodney Scott
Tammy Scott
Travis Stanaland
David Strange

The Question Was To Prom Or

Not To Prom?

"Are we going to have a prom or not?" was a frequent question at RHS this year. There was a great amount of confusion as to whether or not there was going to be a prom held. As Stacey Woodall put it, "The seniors acted like they were mad because of the outcome of the juniors' vote, so some of us began wouder-ing if we were going to have a prom or not."

The controversy began when the majority of the junior class voted to have a shorter prom and to have fewer decorations than in recent years. "I felt that an hour and a half was plenty of time for the prom. Most of us were more excited about going to Shreveport afterwards, and everybody seemed to be satisfied with the decision we made, anyway," said Brad Bullock.

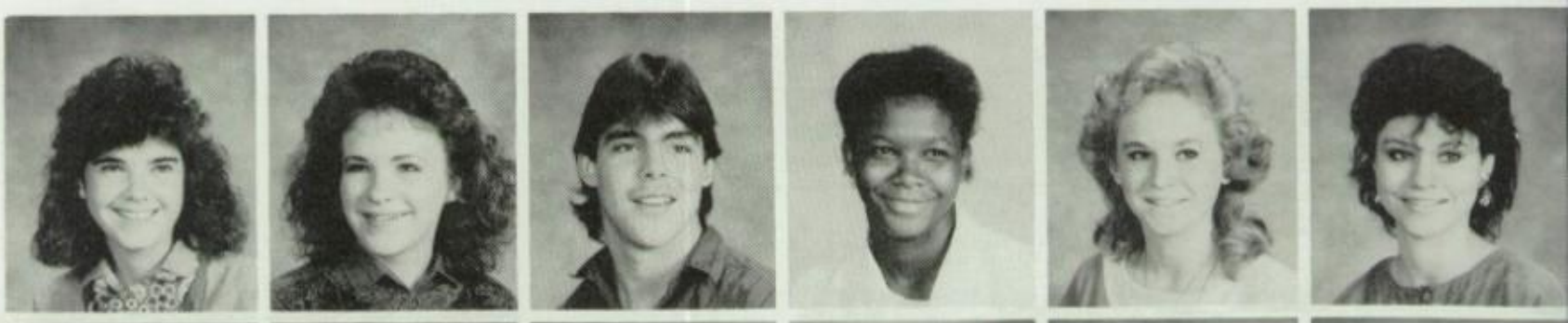
That situation changed when the seniors found out and went on the warpath! "We were upset because of the fact that we worked hard to have a good prom last year, and we expected the same of the junior class this year," said senior Missy Self.

Many of the members of the senior class demanded that Mr. Haynie have the juniors reconsider. According to senior Russell Flint, "We just wanted to have a decent prom this year because it's our last, and because we produced a good one last year." Mr. Haynie finally gave in, saying that if the seniors could get enough juniors to change their minds, he would consider it. Sure enough, another vote was taken and this time the final vote was to extend the prom time slightly, although decorations were still to be limited.

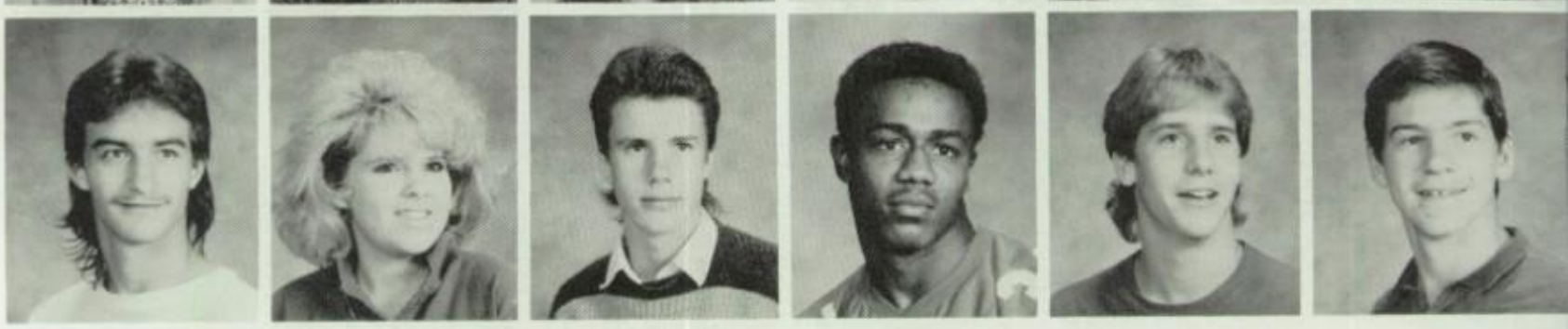
When asked his opinion on the situation, Mr. Haynie stated, "I have mixed emotions about it. I can understand students wanting to leave early so they can go to Shreveport, because there isn't anything to do in Ringgold. But, on the other hand, that's a lot of money to spend for a prom when the students are going to leave early."

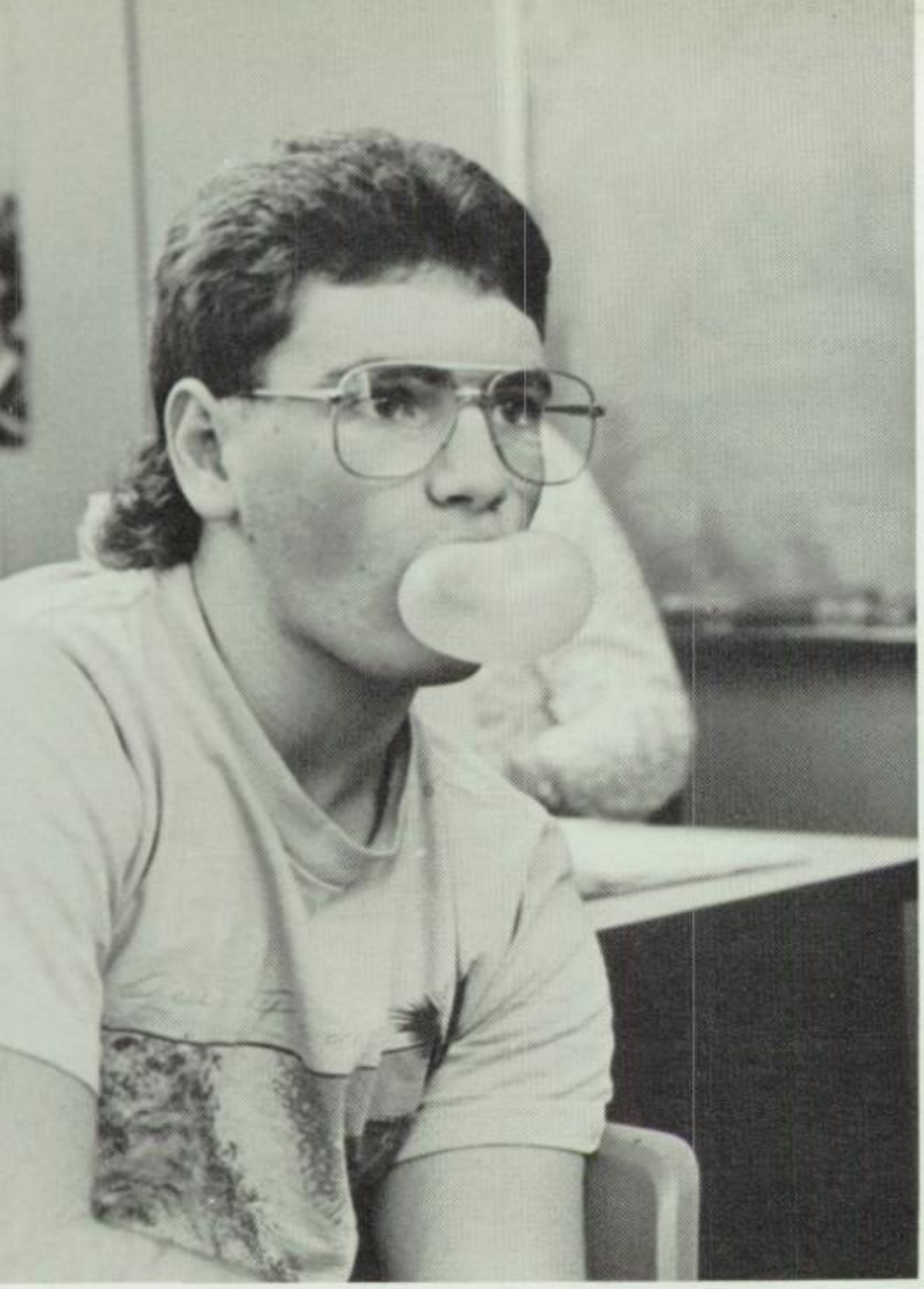
So, to find the answer to the question, "To prom or not to prom?", turn to the prom section in your yearbook and check it out!

Melanie Taylor
Lorrie Thomas
Stuart Toney
Margaret Walker
Vivian Walker
Lacia Walsh



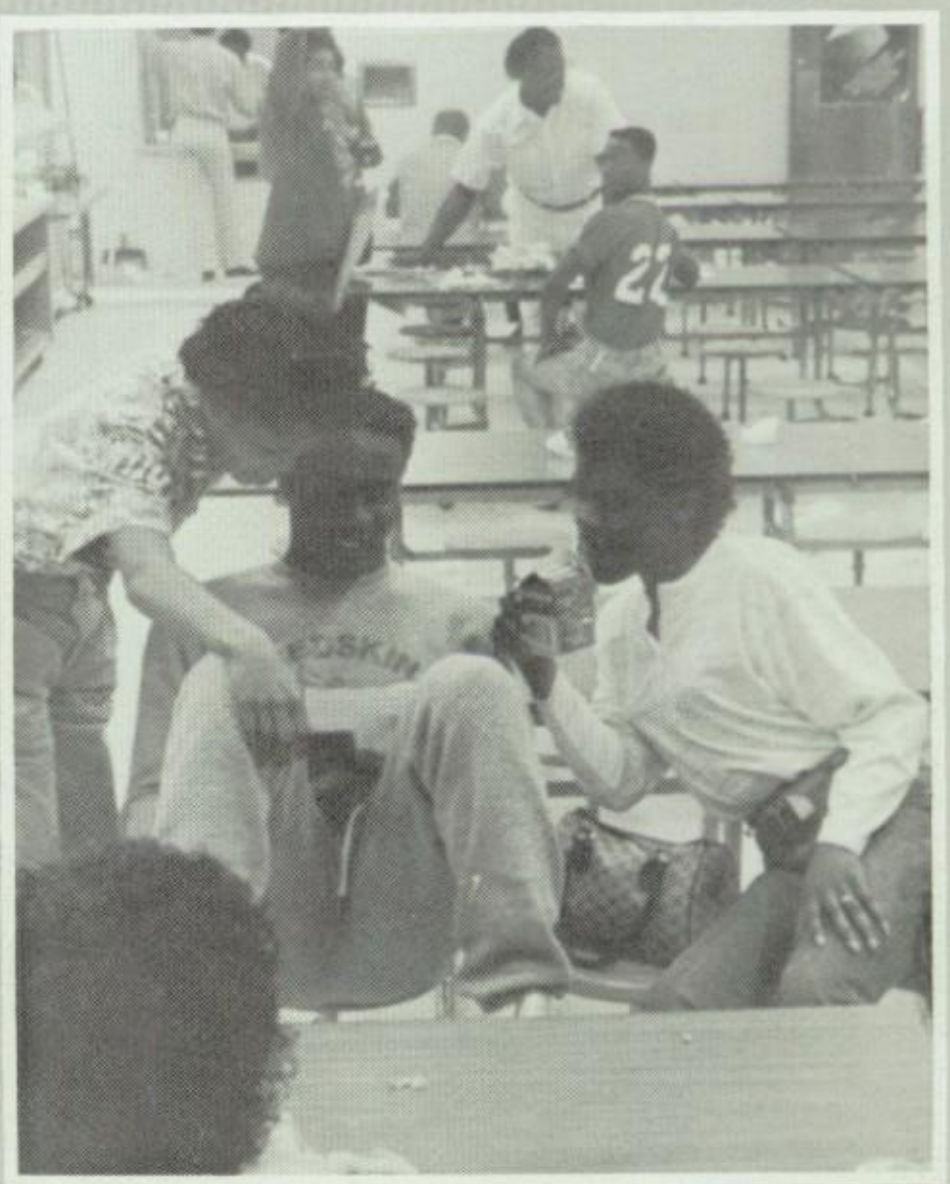
Richard Warren
Candice Westberry
Randy Wiggins
Malcom Wilson
Ben Wimberly
Joe Woodall



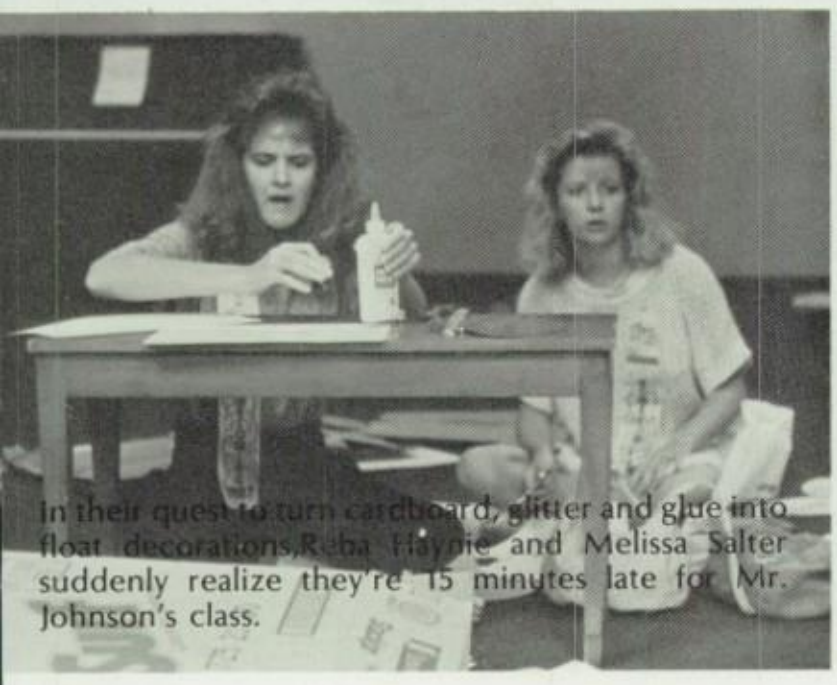


Caught up in his day-dream, Stacey Woodall doesn't seem to realize that with one more puff it could be all over!

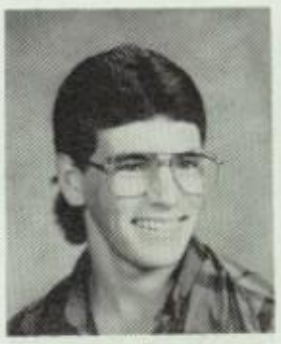
A stray love letter catches the attention of Linda Ashley, Malcom Wilson, and Sara Woods during their lunch break.



Accompanied by assorted stuffed animals, Reba Haynie, Jennifer Bass, Tiffany McGreggor, Melissa Salter, and Candice Westberry carry on about "the boy from N.Y.C." as they perform the winning act at the spirit week lip-sync contest.



In their quest to turn cardboard, glitter and glue into float decorations, Reba Haynie and Melissa Salter suddenly realize they're 15 minutes late for Mr. Johnson's class.

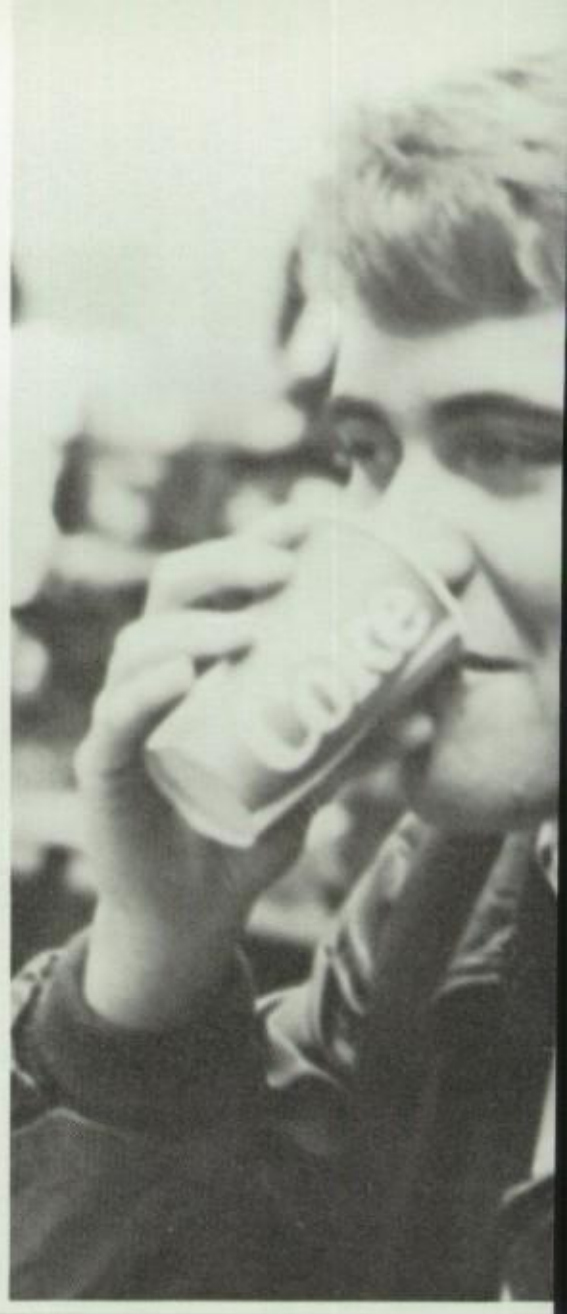


Marsha Woodall
Stacey Woodall
Tammy Woodard

Sara Woods
Melinda Young

Not pictured:
Karon Ashley
Randall Clark
Chris Hill
Tammy Patterson
Roberta Reliford
Kenneth Reliford

It Takes Elbow Grease To Make Music On The Move . . .



A, G, and E are all musical notes. Treble, base cleff, staff, measure and barlines are also musical terms, which are all a big part of Eric Bate's life. Eric is a 15 year old who is very musicaly talented. He plays many instrument, including the piano, violin, and trumpet, of which the violin is his favorite. He has won many local and state awards playing the violin. His teacher is Laura Crawford from Shreveport.

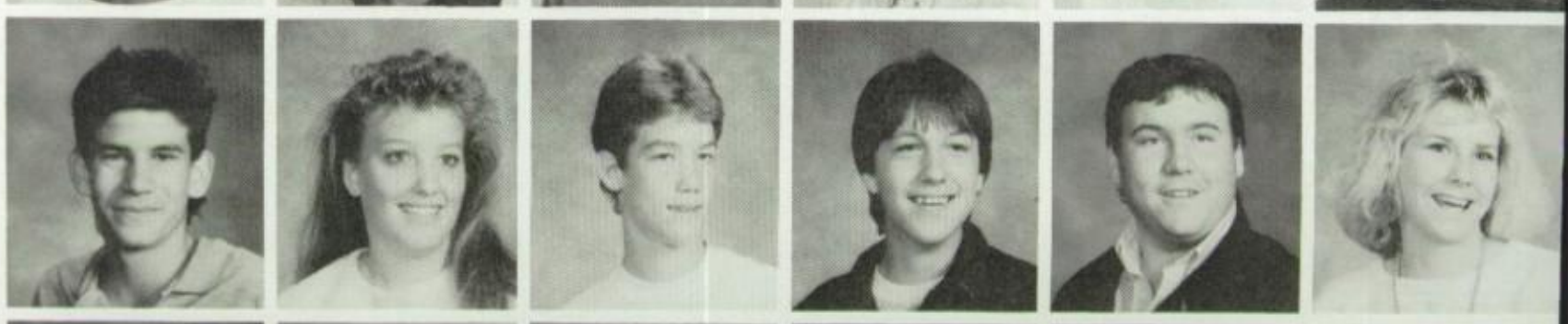
"There's nothing else in the whole world that I would want to be but a musician," Eric said very seriously, "I wouldn't strive to be rich or wealthy, but to be one of the best and most likely playing in a good orchestra. I would like to travel and perform most of all but that can be financially risky, unless you get lucky."

This year's sophomore class boasts a lot of musical talent. People like Graham Bloxom-who plays the drums, Wayne Bridges, Janita Reliford and Reba Tipton-who play the saxaphone, Bobby Dorking and Roberta Lemke-who play the trumpet, Michelle LeDoux, Angela Morgan and Karen Ratcliff-who play the flute and last of all, Kristine Harper-who plays the base clarinet. Many of these students also play the piano.

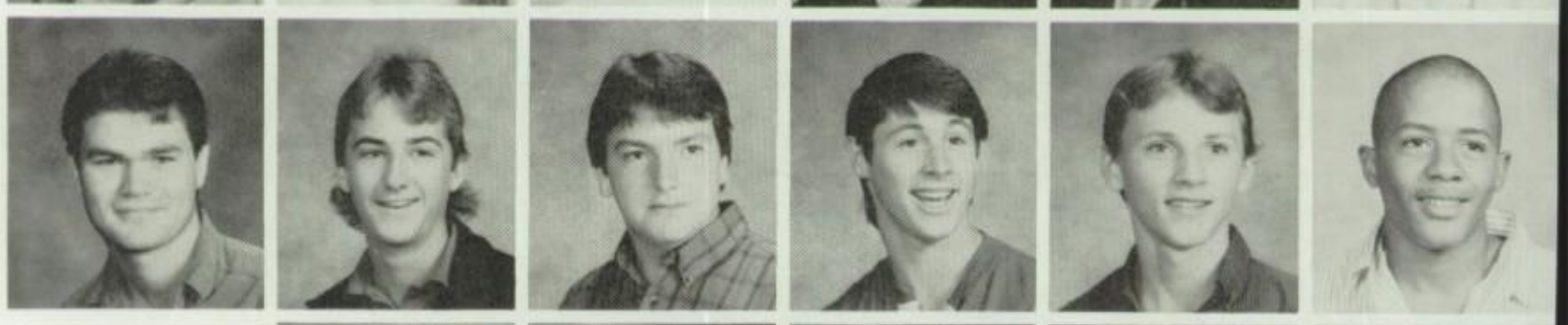
Music is a part of everyone's life. Everywhere you go you hear music. Young people like these sophomores will be helping to make the music that you hear for many years to come.

Hayward Adams
Joe Adams
Tywana Ashley
Eric Bates
Janice Bell
Dita Bethune

Jimmy Blackburn
Ginger Bloxom
Graham Bloxom
Jay Buchanon
Briley Carter
Dena Chandler



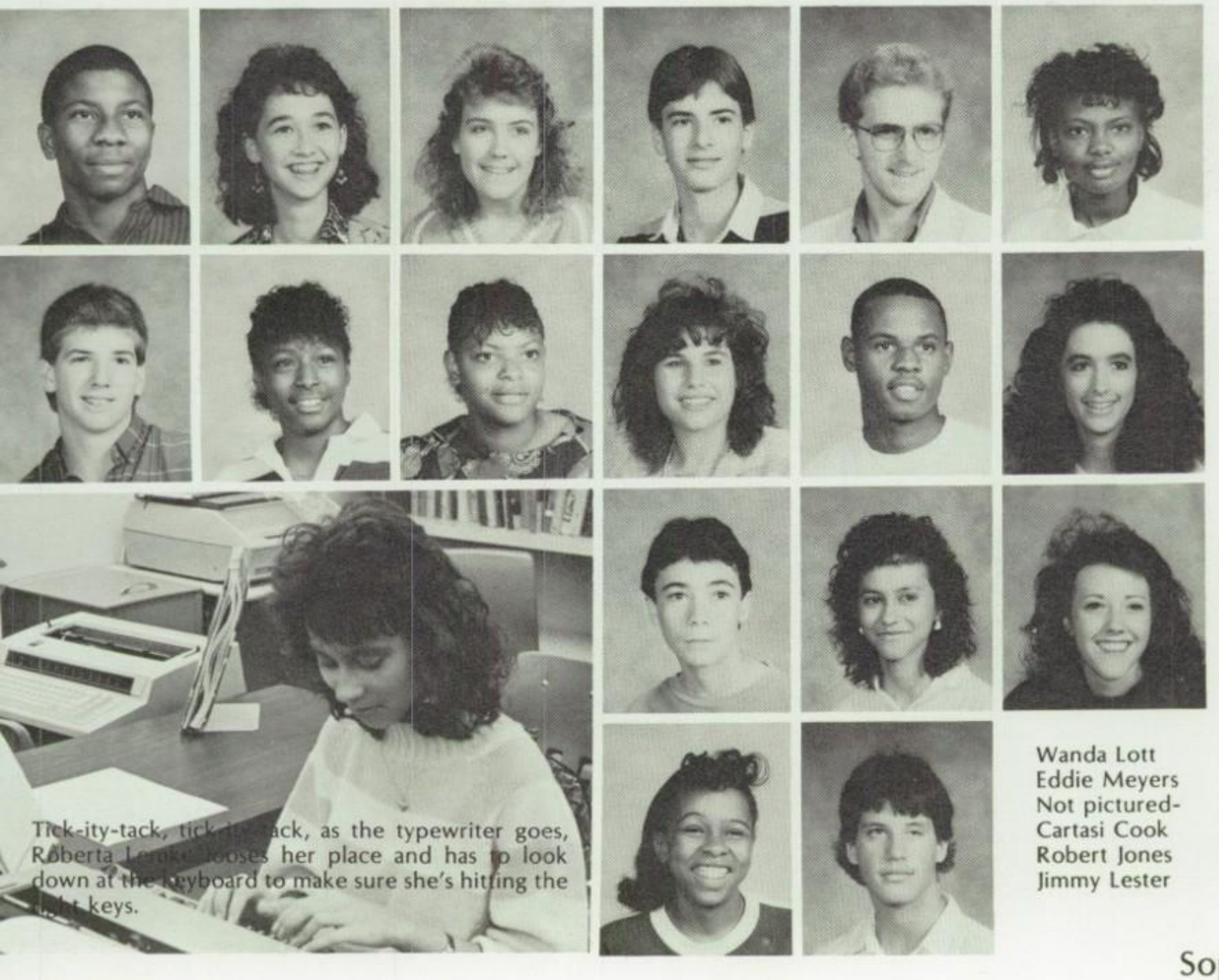
Nat Coe
Thomas Conly
Dale Davis
Bobby Dorking
James Fowler
LaDonzia Glover



Michael Gomila
Becky Gourdon
Liz Gros
Michael Gross
Tasha Hall

Coke is still it! At least Eric Bates seems to think so, as he downs one of them at an FBLA meeting.

A simple biology assignment turns into an animated meeting of the minds between Tangela Mingo, Yalonda Reed, Dita Bethune, Stacey Howard and Sandra Roberson.



Cortez Hardman
Kristine Harper
Sheri Harper
Robert Hays
Daniel Harrington
Stacey Howard

Greg Hunt
Angela Johnson
Rosa Jones
Erin Joyner
Greg King
Michelle LeDoux

Mike Lee
Roberta Lemke
Brandy Leon
Not pictured-
Wayne Bridges
Shunda Chase

Wanda Lott
Eddie Meyers
Not pictured-
Cartasi Cook
Robert Jones
Jimmy Lester

Tick-ity-tack, tick-ity-tack, as the typewriter goes, Roberta Lemke chooses her place and has to look down at the keyboard to make sure she's hitting the right keys.

'Round and 'round the tree the toilet paper goes, where it stops, only Jason Parkman will know. Get

Get ready- Tasha Hall stacks up her books , get set- she puts up her pencil and she'll hopefully get a head start when the bell signals go.

Playfully pitching in to help clean up the school's campus, Jay Buchanon, Hayward Adams, and Tina Moore do some clowning around at the same time.

Tangela Mingo
Timmy Moore
Tina Moore
Angela Morgan
Paul Morrow
Ronald Parker

Jason Parkman
Steve Patterson
Nicole Procell
Tim Quaid
Karen Ratcliff
Yalonda Reed

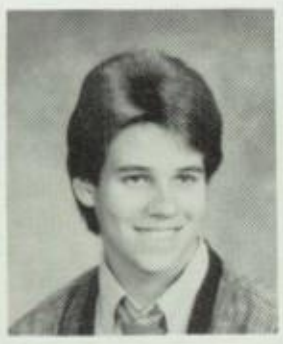
Janita Reliford
Sandra Roberson
Roxanne Salter
David Sanders
Billy Simmons

F *we'll Always Be . . .*

riends

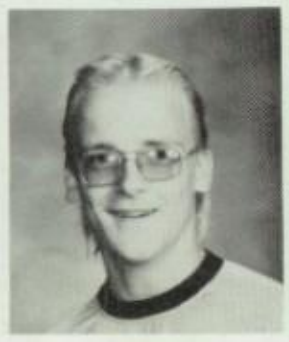
Caring, sharing, loving, trusting and having a good sense of humor are just some of the things that people look for in a friend. What is a friend? "A friend is someone who sticks by you and will listen to your problems when you need them, and will never hurt you." replied Tywana Ashley. Friends are an important part in everyone's life. Who knows what this world would be like without friends? When asked, many of the R.H.S. sophomores had the same reply.Jay Buchanon said, "Life wouldn't be worth living!" Sheri Harper commented, "That would be really wrong!" Roberta Lemke replied, "I hope I never find out!"

This year has been a special year for the sophomores because they've become a lot closer to each other than they have been in the past. The sophomores seem to feel that they are a unique group of people and that they wouldn't be that way without their close, dependable friends. Friends, that's all it takes!



Pattrick Stafford
Monte Thames
Mark Thornton
Reba Tipton
Michelle Todd
David Warren

Loria Weathers
Angela Wiggins
Not pictured-
James Lewis
Lester McGee



Tony Wiggins
Donovan Wiggins
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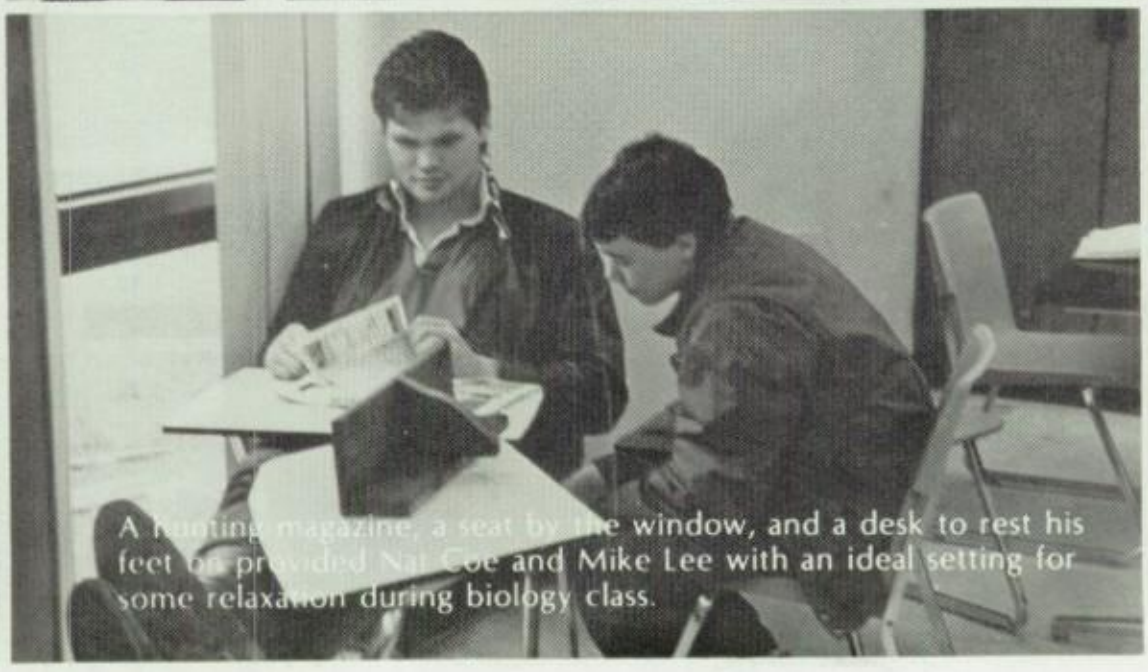
Malinda Theus
Steve Woods



A hunting magazine, a seat by the window, and a desk to rest his feet on provided Nat Coe and Mike Lee with an ideal setting for some relaxation during biology class.

Sweaty and determined, Jonathan Lloyd carefully chooses a ball during after school practice in hopes that he can improve his chances of scoring big at the next game.

With Work And Determination We'll Make Our

Dreams Come True

Uncertanity. This is the way most freshman feel about their future. Although there's plenty of time to prepare, many freshman are already taking steps to make their future brighter. Extra classes, good grades and summer jobs are just a few of these steps.

From aerobic instructor to zoologist, freshman have great career expectations. Trina Ballardsaid, "I would like to learn how to work with children." When asked how she prepared herself for this career she stated, "I babysit a lot during the summer."

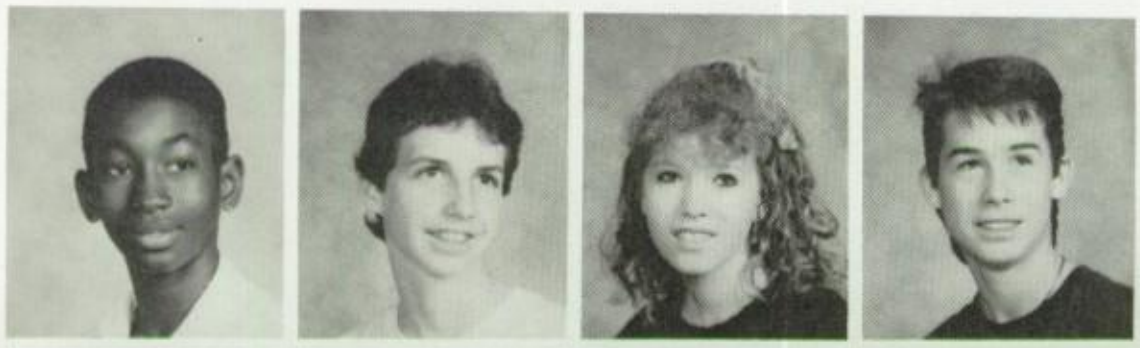
Leslee Sanderswould like to be a pediatrician or a secretary. With decisions such as family or career, college or jobs, freshman have a lot of decision making to do. Melanie Boyetsaid "I'm taking extra courses in order to graduate and perhaps obtain scholarships." Melanie won a gold medal at the 1988 academic pep rally while classmates Carla Kennedy, Leslee Sanders, Levet Hadnot, Morristene Shepherd, and Aaron Thrower received silver medals.'

Amanda Holmes stated, "An education is very important to me because I will need it in the future, and it will help me to get ahead." However, freshmen are certainly not all work and no play. Being freshmen, many can join school organizations for the first time, such as FHA, FFA, and FBLA.

Some freshmen are also involved in 4-H, Junior Leaaders, Girl Scouts, Band, and the all-time sports favorites of football, basketball, softball , baseball, track and cheerleading. However, not all of their time is taken up with school.

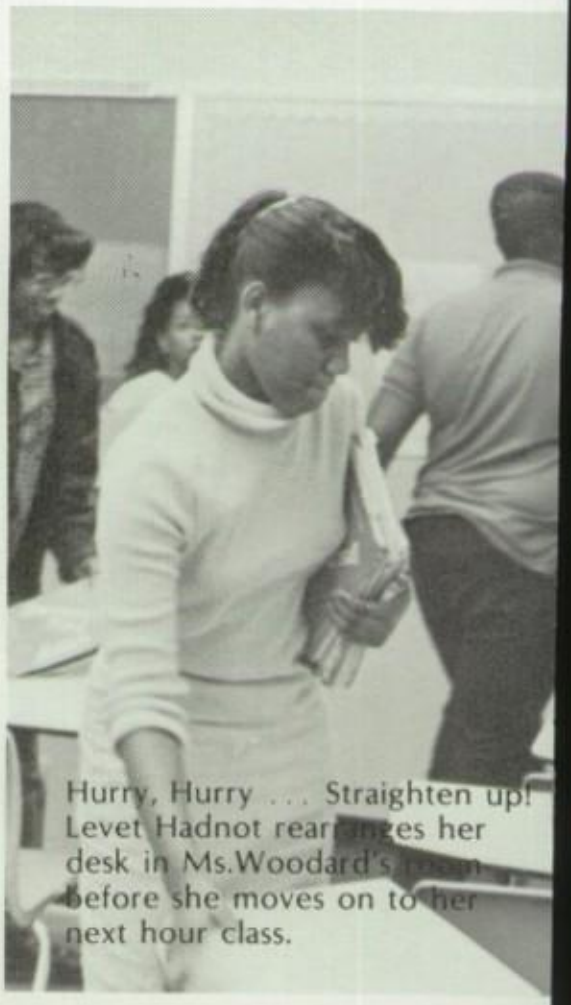
When asked what he enjoyed most out of school, Will Kennington replied, "I enjoy meeting friendly people, especially girls!" This year was full of work, play, and excitement for the freshmen and with a combination of determination, hard work, and a good education, they can really make their dreams come true!

Shawn Alford
Malcom Averitt
Trina Ballard
Gerald Blackburn



Melanie Boyet
Lance Brock
Craig Bumgardener
Talley Bussey

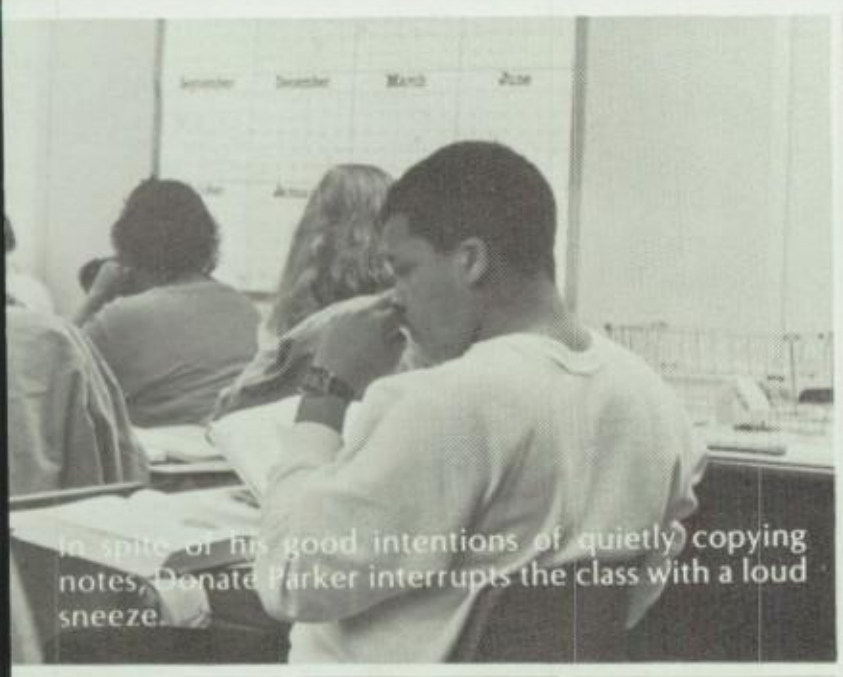
Britt Cloud
Latresha Crawford
Cheryl Davis
Kenneth Dukes



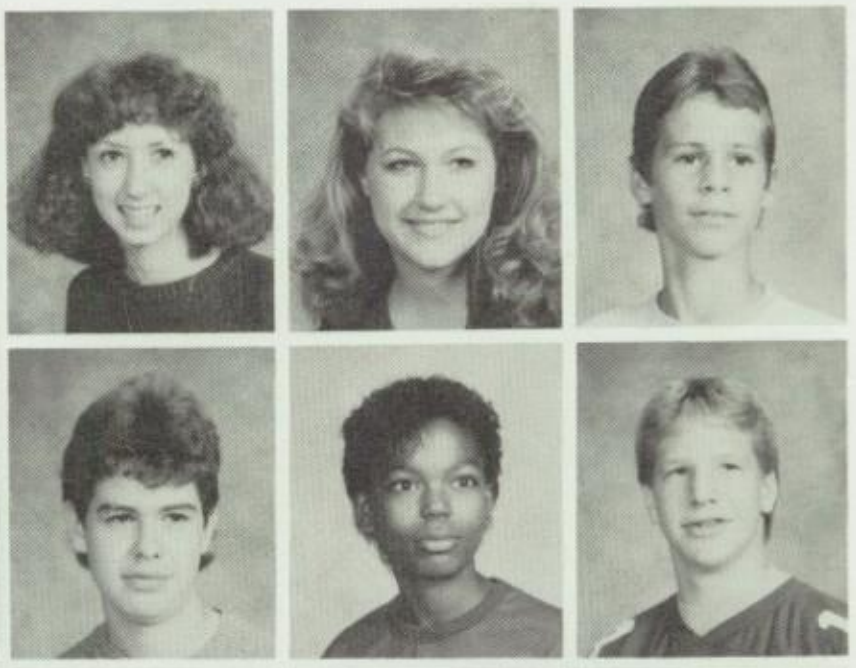
Hurry, Hurry . . . Straighten up! Levet Hadnot rearranges her desk in Ms.Woodard's room before she moves on to her next hour class.

In the midst of a busy beehive of activity in the bandroom, Morristene Shepherd awaits special instructions from band director Mr. Young.

Delicate snowflakes drifting down, a rare phenonomon in Ringgold, suprised FBLA members at their rally in Shreveport. Freshmen member Nicole Tingle tried in vain to bring one home as a souvenir.



In spite of his good intentions of quietly copying notes, Donate Parker interrupts the class with a loud sneeze.



Lori Elliot
Tina Fowler
Chris Grigsby

Richard Grigsby
Jasmal Hall
Lance Hunt

Connie Iverson
Linda Iverson
Greg Jordan
Carla Kennedy
Jonathon Lloyd
Brent Mason

Only The Best Are Freshmen

Favorites

If, as a "Jeopardy" contestant, you were given the clue; "Coke, Christmas, U-2,and pizza," the answer would have to be ... "What are some of the favorite things of RHS freshmen?"

While not all freshmen are alike, a majority seemed to share some common intrests. While Mrs. Woodard's Home Economics class and Mrs. Sams' algebra class weqre high on the freshmen list of favorites, the male teachers fared better as class favorites. "Mr.Mayfield is my favorite teacher" said Demetrius Moore, while Mark Owens insisted that Coach Kidd is on top! Football, not surprisingly, topped Mark's list of activities! Band, baseball, and 4-H were given high marks also.

There is a lot less agreement among freshmen in the areas of music, entertainment and food. Rock, country, soul and gospel music were all named as class favorites, represented most frequently by U-2, Alabama, Angela Windsbush and Carman. Each type of music seemed to have strong supporters who didn't care for other types of music at all.

In entertainment, freshmen, by a wide margin, go for comedies like "The Cosby Show", "Growing Pains" and "Moonlighting", although quick-paced action shows such as "Action Jackson" or "Dirty Dancing" competed fiercely.

When they are hungry, which is often, freshmen prefer to pig-out on pizza, nachos, and french fries, with a large Coke on the side. Most freshmen agreed with Talley Bussey when he said, "Christmas is the best holiday of the year!", although a few had quite different ideas.

When asked this question, Tina Fowler said, "My birthday .. of course!" But the one thing that all the freshmen agreed on was that they liked being freshmen at R.H.S.!!

While the keys clack, Linda Iverson, Catina Shaw, Melissa Reliford, and Connie Iverson stare in amazement at the new program they have produced on the computer.

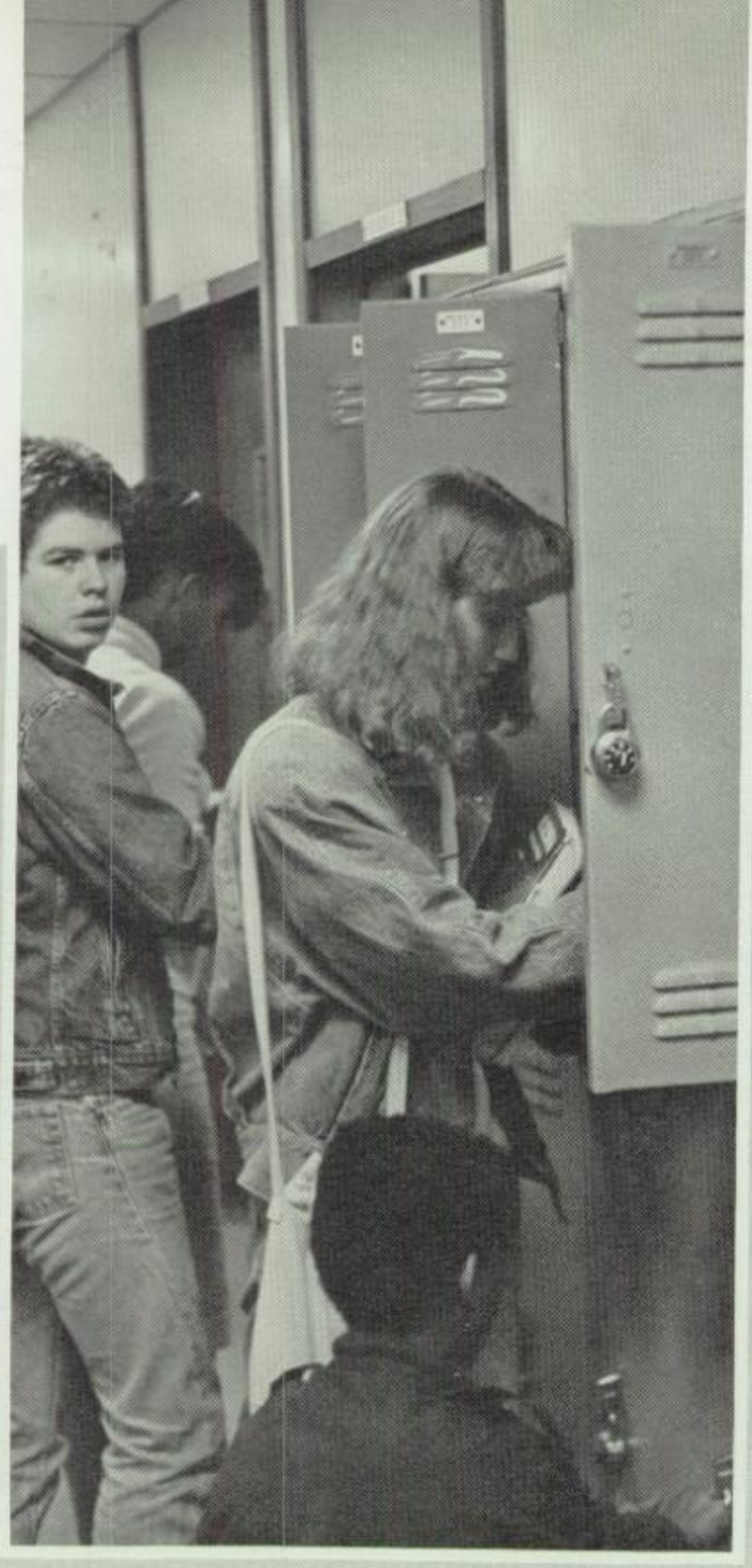
Ronald McClain
Demetrius Moore
Tonya Moore
Paula Morgan
Mitzi Neilson
Mark Owens

Donate Parker
Cheryl Pietsch
Deanna Pietsch

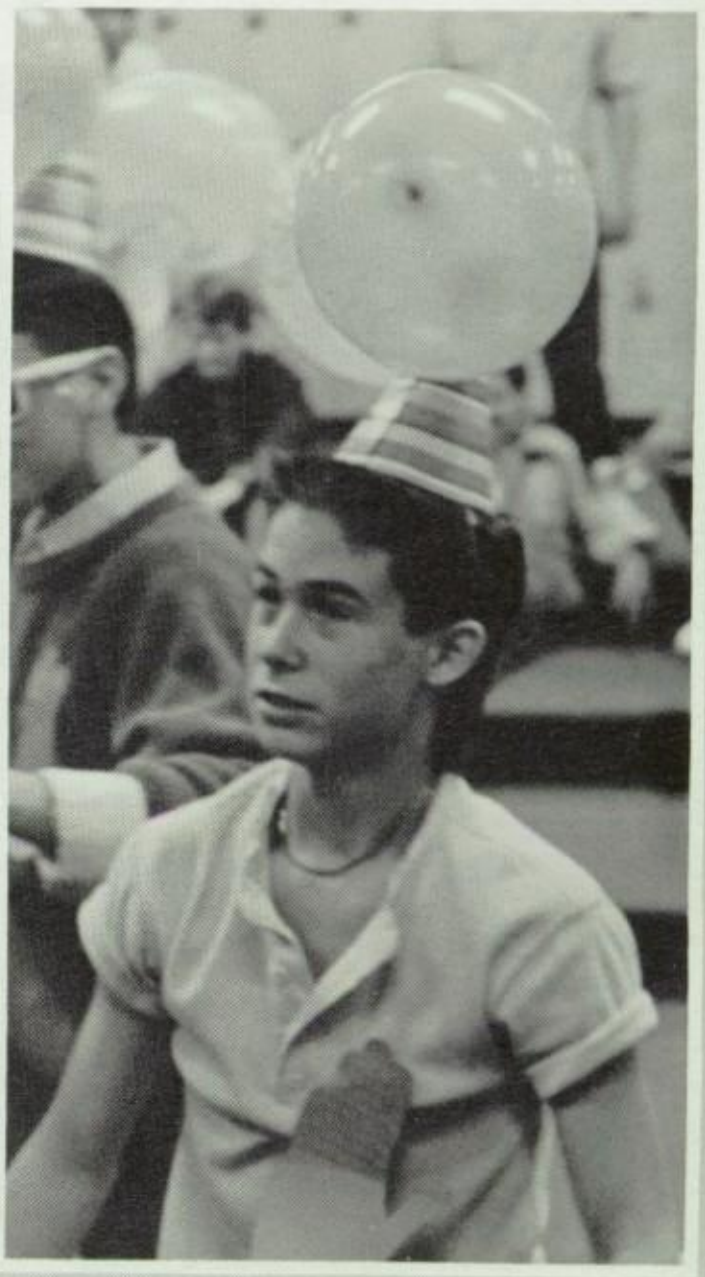
Melissa Reliford
Leslee Sanders
Catina Shaw

Thank goodness for breaks! Craig Bumgardner and Lance Lutz wrestle while onlookers keep a safe distance.

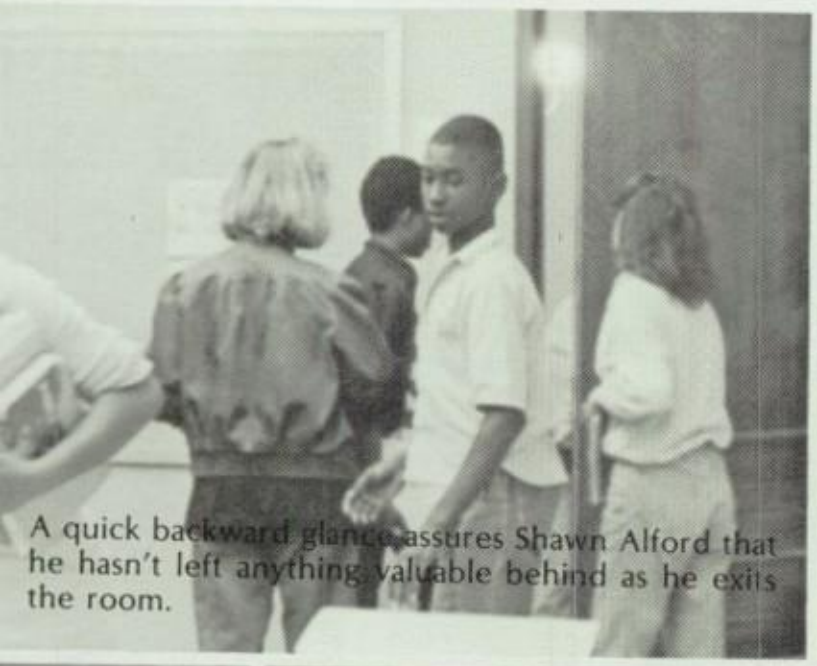
With little time to spare, Lori Elliot hurriedly gathers up her books for last hour as Richard Grigsby looks on.



Mickey Mouse ears? Not quite! Cut-out hands and funny hats were part of Jerry Blackburn's greenhand initiation into FFA.

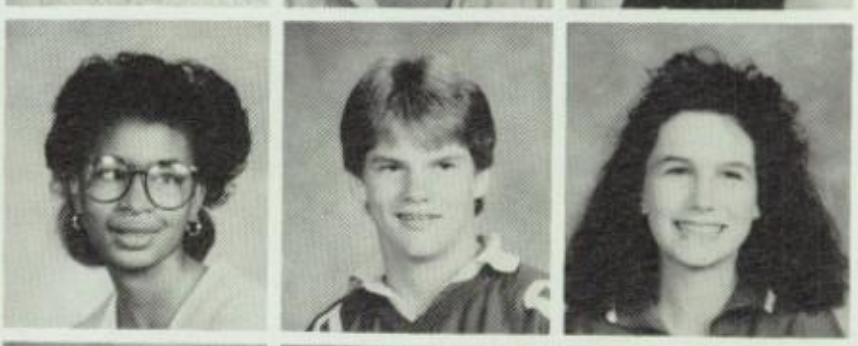


Not pictured:
Miriam Chase
Terry Collins
Cassandra Cook
Cheryl Davis
Levet Hadnot
Amanda Holmes
Terry Lafield
Victor Theus
Gene Walker

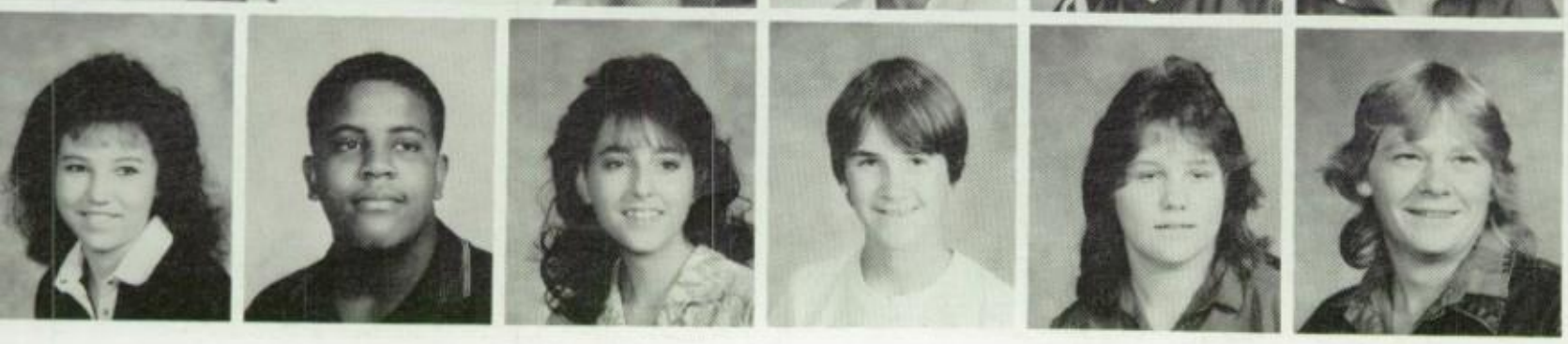


A quick backward glance assures Shawn Alford that he hasn't left anything valuable behind as he exits the room.

Morristene Shepherd
Cynthia Smith
Nickie Taylor



Linda Iverson
Aaron Thrower
Nicole Tingle



Rachel Warren
Rubin Wilson
Kelly Wiltcher
Kevin Woodall
Tonya Woodall
Phillip Woods

More Than Just Flashy Names!!

Yes, it's true, Rambo and Michael Jackson are in the same class. Well, actually, it's James Rambo and Michael Jackson who are in this year's eighth grade. This class has more going for it than famous names, however. When eighth graders were asked why this class should be considered special, some of the answers were very interesting.

Jay Phillips is an eighth grade student taking Algebra I. He transfered here from Shreveport where he had already taken pre-algebra. Jay and Tonya Sullivan are the only eighth graders involved in G.T. Jay thought the eighth grade was special because, "the eighth grade is a lot easier than any other grade."

Rene Miles expressed her opinion by saying, "This class is more mature than any other grade." Rosalyn Reliford added to Rene's reply, "The eighth grade is more intelligent than any other class."

All in all, the eighth grade class is really much more than flashy names. They seem to have all the confidence in the world that they will do just as well in high school as they have done during their eighth grade year. The eighth grade class may be special, but they sure aren't modest!

Not Pictured:
Larry Cook
Micheal Eaton
Shelly Glover
Tammy Hennigan
Shawn Salter

Just let out of class, Angela smith joyfully dashes across the lecture area on her way to canteen.

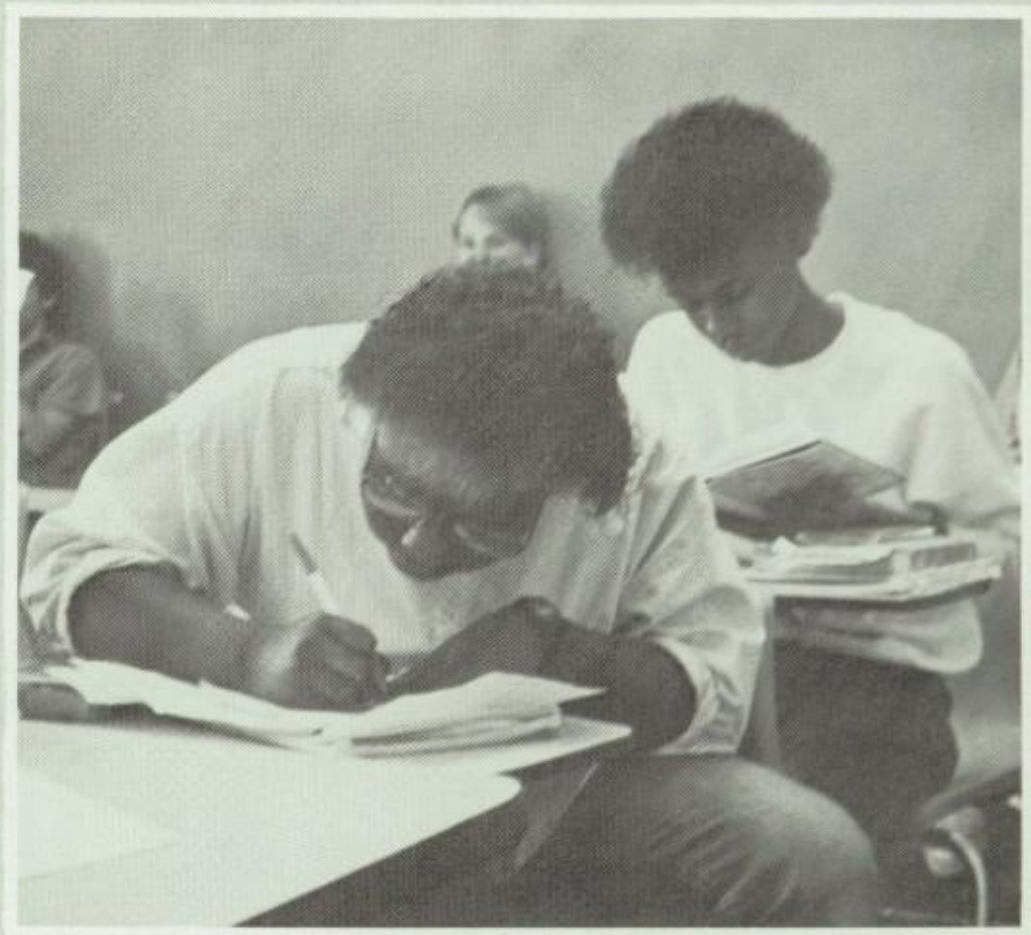
Sharon Ashley
Tracy Ballard
Jason Bass
Danny Bates
Wesley Bridges
Kelly Broadway

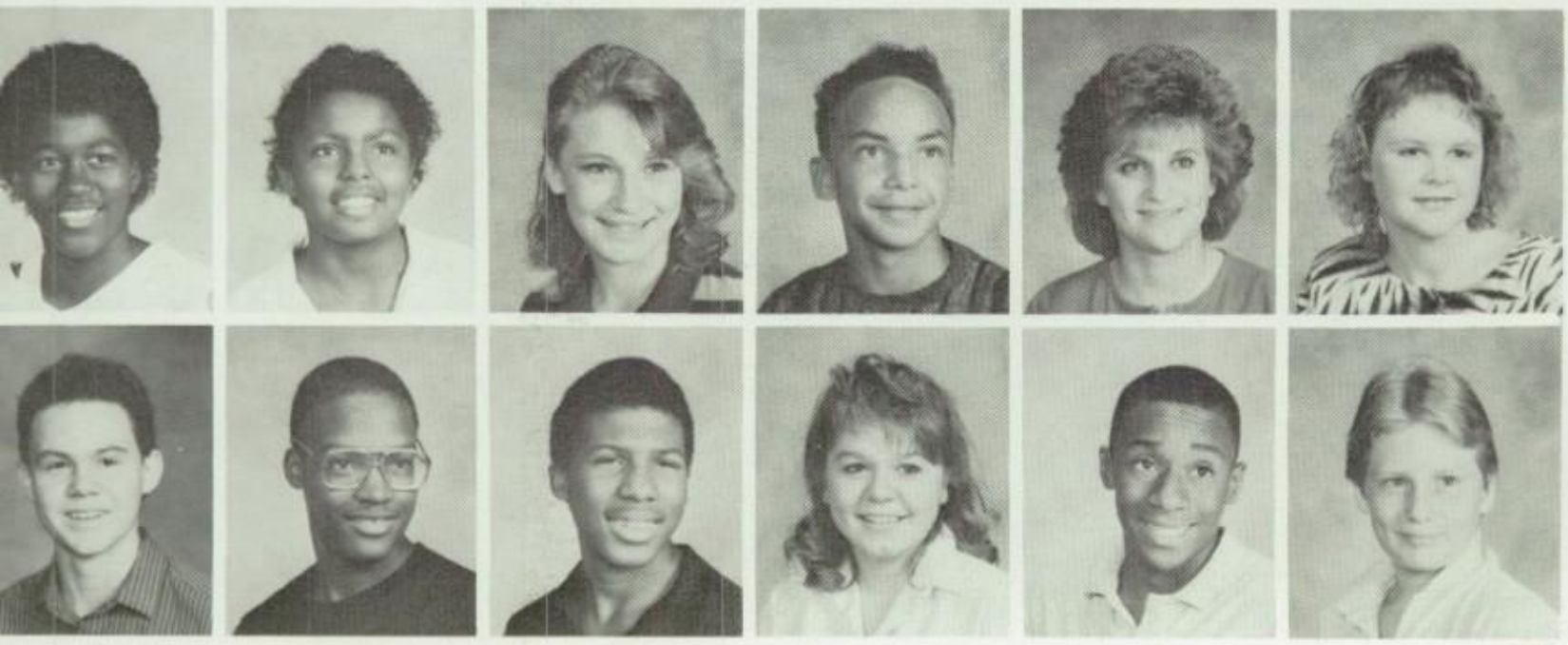
Henry Brown
Anthony Chase
Shannon Cole
Keith Collier
Chris Conly
Troy Cook

Study hall isn't all that bad. Tracey Isbell and Candice Posey share a laugh over a funny painting in a library book.

Below Left: Funny buisness ?! Tommy Thornton appears very happy to receive whatever it is James Young is handing out.

Brain drain! Rosalyn Reliford writes down notes with intense concentration, while Sharron Ashley tries to finish her library book





Leonard Cunningham
Shunda Davis
Lisa Edwards
Eddie Garner
Tara Harris
Holly Hillier

Trey Hilton
Patrick Hogan
Jessie Hollingsworth
Tracy Isabell
Michael Jackson
James Lawe

Hamburgers, Potato Bar, Salad . . .

Lunch Anyone?!

This year, for the first time, students were offered a variety of choices on the lunch line every day. They could have chosen the regular hot lunch, traditionally served, or the sandwich line, which is made up of cheeseburgers, hamburgers, poor boys, bacon and cheese sandwiches, and yes, even fish sandwiches. Another available choice was the popular potato bar where you could get a fully "dressed" baked potato and, as always, there was the old standby salad bar to go along with the other choices.

Lunch was also more sophisticated this year with the use of computerized identification cards. Each card had a data grid on the back and when it was run through the tabulating machine it automatically subtracted that day from the original number of purchased lunches.

The eighth graders had definite opinions about the new style of lunch. Rosalyn Reliford stated "I think the lunch cards are neat, but the potato bar is a mess!"

Trey Hilton said "There needs to be a Coke machine we can use for lunch." Evidently Trey doesn't know about the state regulations forbidding Coke machines in the lunchroom.

Shelly Glover said "Lunch needs to taste better." Chris Lee said "They need to use real beef."

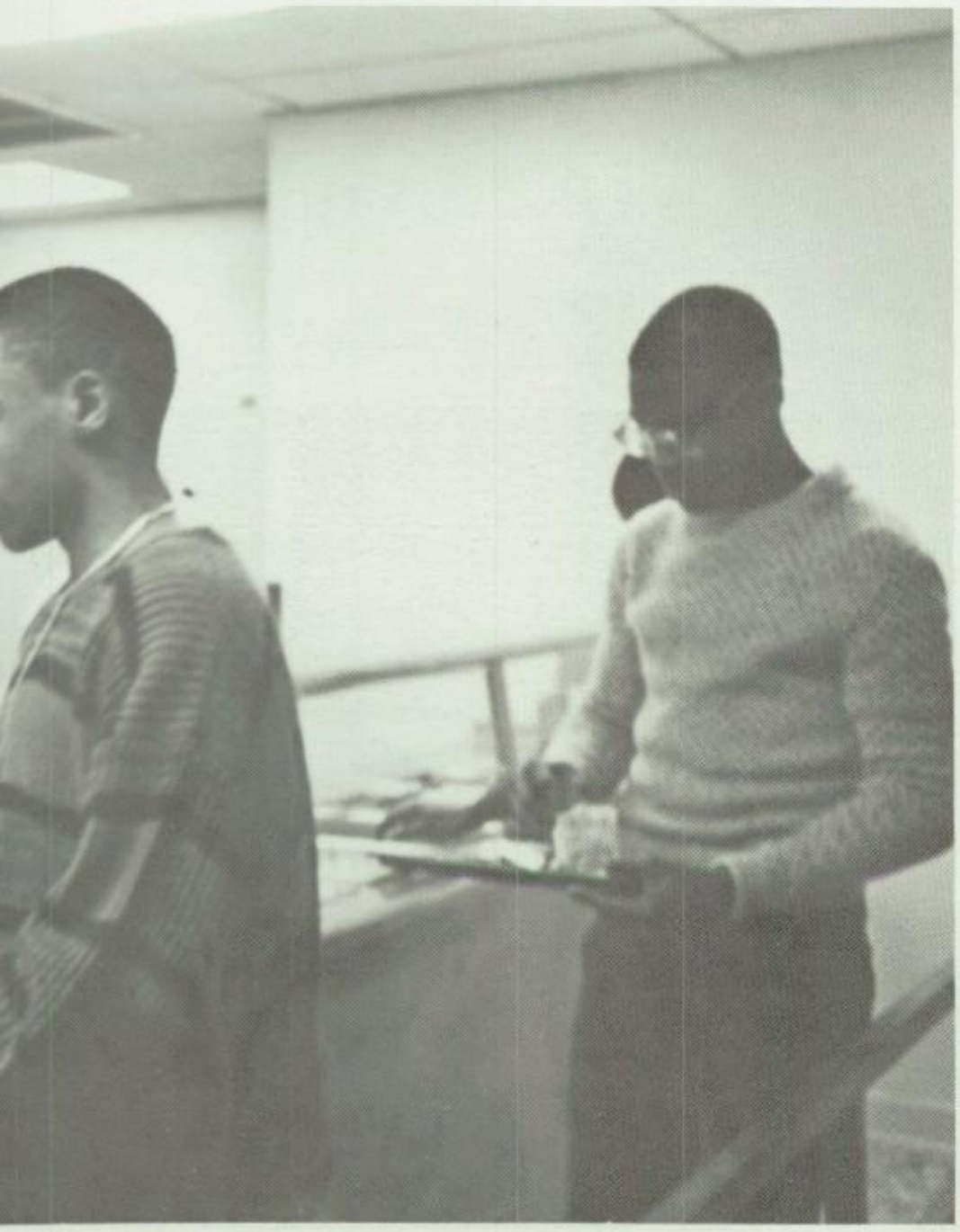
There were a lot of statements criticizing school lunches although there was one difference of opinion. Greta Jason stated "Lunch is O.K. with me." At least there's one satisfied customer.

Chris Lee
Patricia Lemke
Ronika Lewis
Lataisha Martin
Renee Miles
Kenneth Mingo

Jerome Moore
Jackie Mosley
April Parks
Tonya Patterson
James Phillips
Candace Posey

Terris Powell
James Rambo
Rhonda Reinstra
Rosalyn Reliford
Tony Reliford
Karla Sheppard

At the end of the line in the serving area, Micheal Jackson reaches for the ketchup and mustard to compliment his burger.



Computers eat too! As Leonard Cunningham slides his lunch card through the machine, Wesley Bridges motions for someone to bring a fork.

Angela Smith
Ortego Smith
Yoland Smith
Sheletha Stafford
Tommy Thornton
LaShawnda Walters

LaJuan Weathers
Kimberly West
Brian Whittield
Ricky Woodall

Anita Woodard
Naomi Wyatt
James Young
Racheal Woodard

How Does It Feel To Be The Low Man On The

Totem Pole

From the biggest and the oldest to the smallest and the youngest is a transition that 7th grade students face every year when they transfer from the top of the elementary ladder to the very bottom at RHS.Chris Smith said "We get pushed around a lot!" but on the other hand, Kevin Morgan said, "That's all right I'll get my turn."

7th graders have lots of different ideas about the life of the young. They had very definite opinions about wanting Jr. High only activities.Anthony Hullaby suggested a prom-like dance for Jr. High students and lots of the students agreed, but there were a few, like Christy Warren and Chris Llorens, who believed that there just weren't any cute boys or girls in Jr. High.

In a poll of Jr. High sports, basketball was named most popular. Shannon Kelley, a student in the 7th grade, said she didn't play many sports but she loved the band!

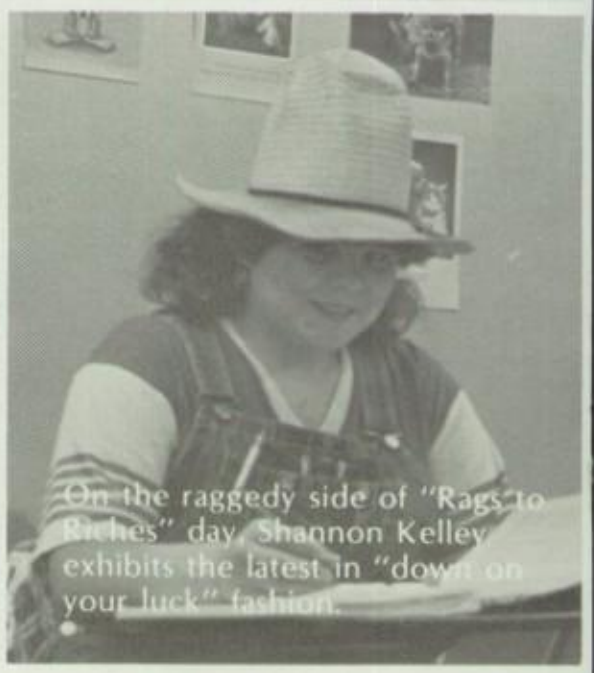
7th grade students appreciate the wide variety of activities because in their elementary years there were no sports at all. As Mike Salter put it "7th grade is the beginning of the real life!"

Ericka Adams
Jasmine Alford
Camica Allums
Misty Barbo
Chris Bates
Scott Bates

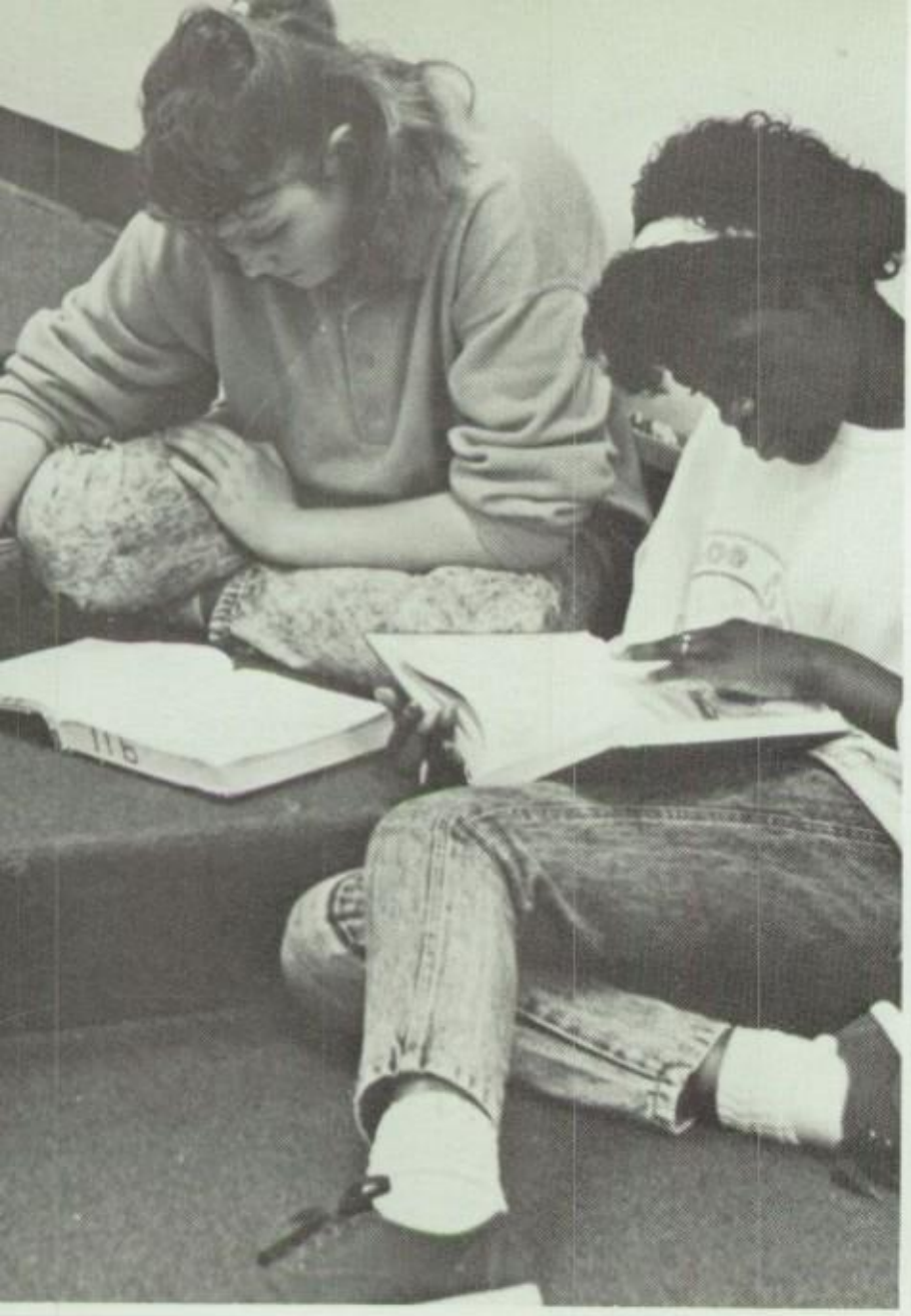
Shane Bates
Richie Blue
Courtney Boyler
Russell Clifton
Anthony Cook
Teetee Cook

Olivia Cooper
Walter Cooper
Joshua Crochet
Tony Culverhouse

Alicia Davis
Leslie Evans
Kevin Gipson
Nathan Gipson

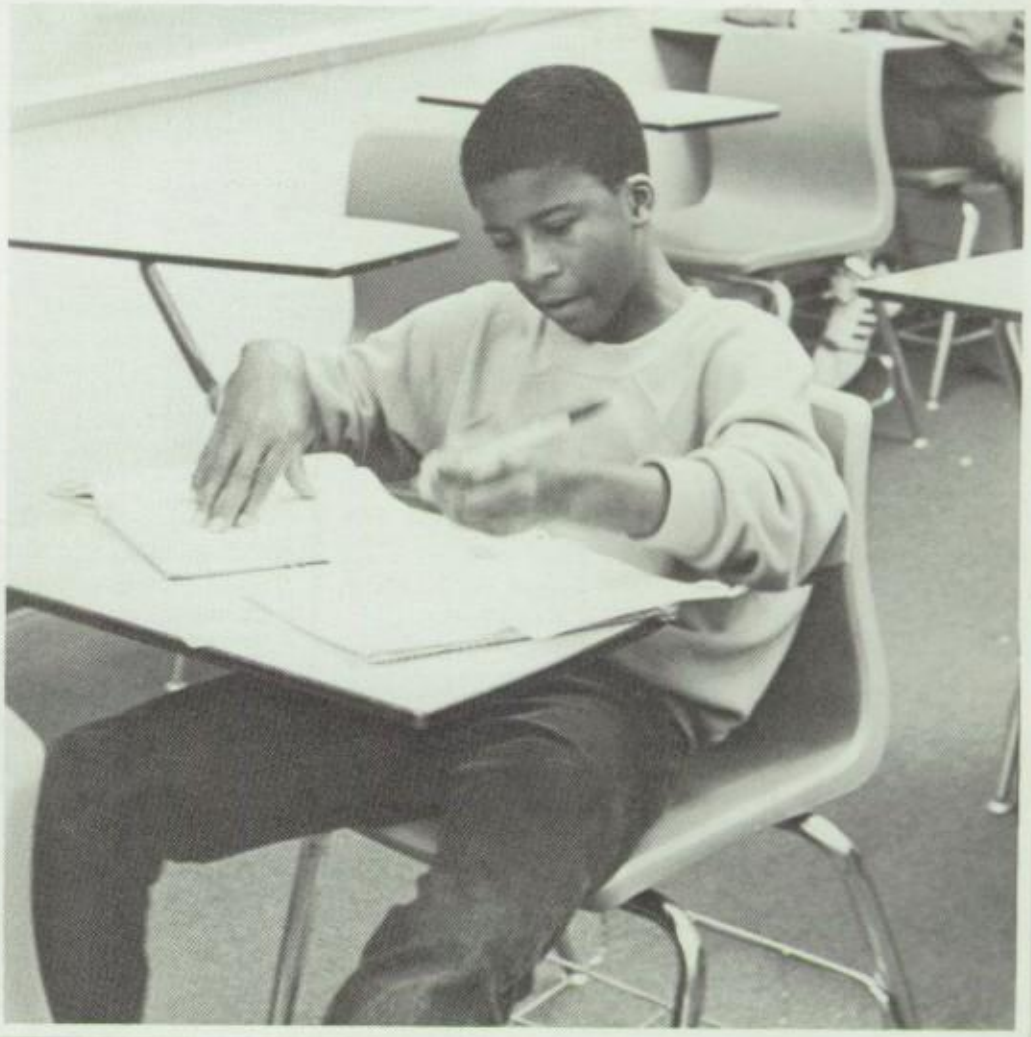


On the raggedy side of "Rags to Riches" day, Shannon Kelley exhibits the latest in "down on your luck" fashion.



The floor in the lecture area is as good a place as any to get in some last minute cramming for Jennifer McKay, Sandy Salter and Teetee Cook.

If Kevin Gipson isn't hard at work on his math, he's giving a very good imitation of it.



Billy Glover
Jonathon Golatt
Crystal Hadnot
Tallie Higginbotham
Monroe Huckaby
Anthony Hullaby

Monica Iverson
Angela Jamerson
Jeffrey Jones
Shannon Kelley
Jacque Lafield
Kenneth Lawe

Brian LeDoux
Jason Lee
Joseph Lee
Chris Llorens
Cliff Long
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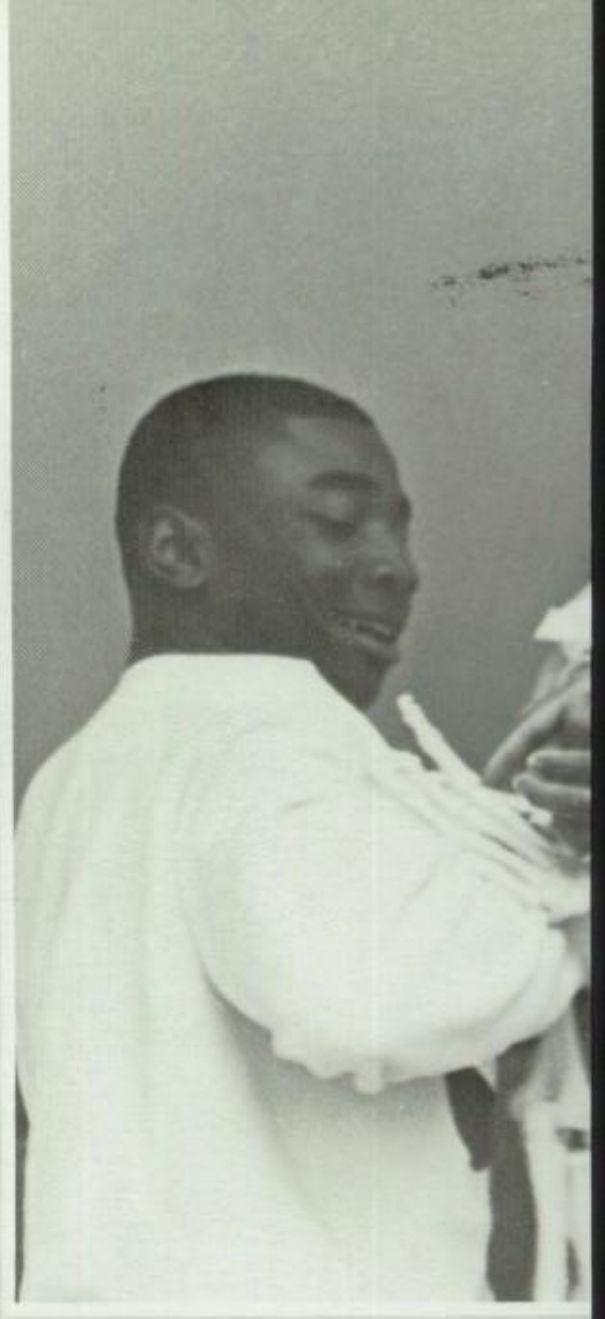
Barry McGee
Tyrone Mingo
Rona Monroe

We Have Made Up Our Minds To Be Big Achievers



Who says you can't be a high achiever or be active in school activities when you're only a beginning Jr. High student? Brandy Procell, Kevin Morgan, Richie Blue, Melissa Pietsch and Jeffrey Jones believe you can do anything you set your mind to. These five outstanding students have started out by making a perfect 4.00 grade point average. 7th graders have great expectations and high goals for life and the 7th grade has a variety of achievers in areas from academics to sports.

Although only a 7th grader, Rebecca Moore plays on the varsity girls basketball team and she says "I like it better because we have more competition." She also runs on the varsity track team along with a fellow classmate, Janet Adams. Janet feels running against upperclassmen will give her a lot of good experience.

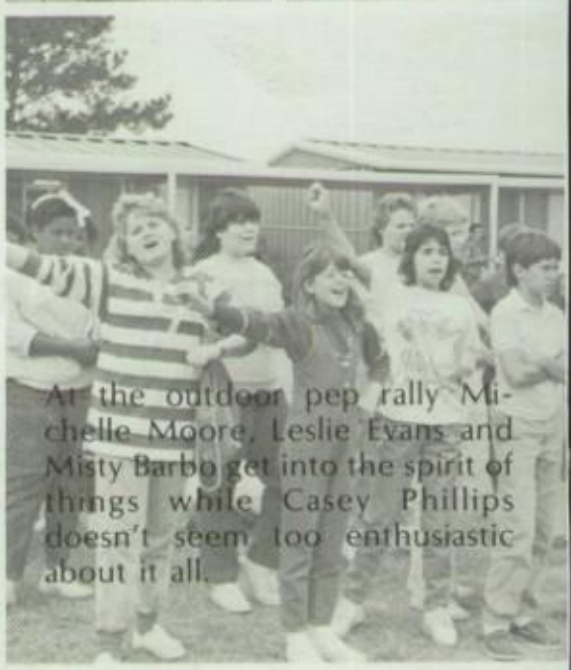
Band is another activity in which 7th graders participate. Mr. Young, band director at RHS, described Brian LeDoux, percussionist, and Devon Walsh, flutist, as musicians who are already off to a good start in their musical careers. These are just a few of the small but big achievers.

Eula Moore
Rebecca Moore
Michelle Moore
Curtis Morgan
Kevin Morgan
Jamey Myers

Jay Myers
Casie Peace
Robin Peace
Casey Phillips
Melissa Pietsch
Brandy Procell

Jessie Rasco
Brent Reliford
Robby Richardson
Judy Roberson

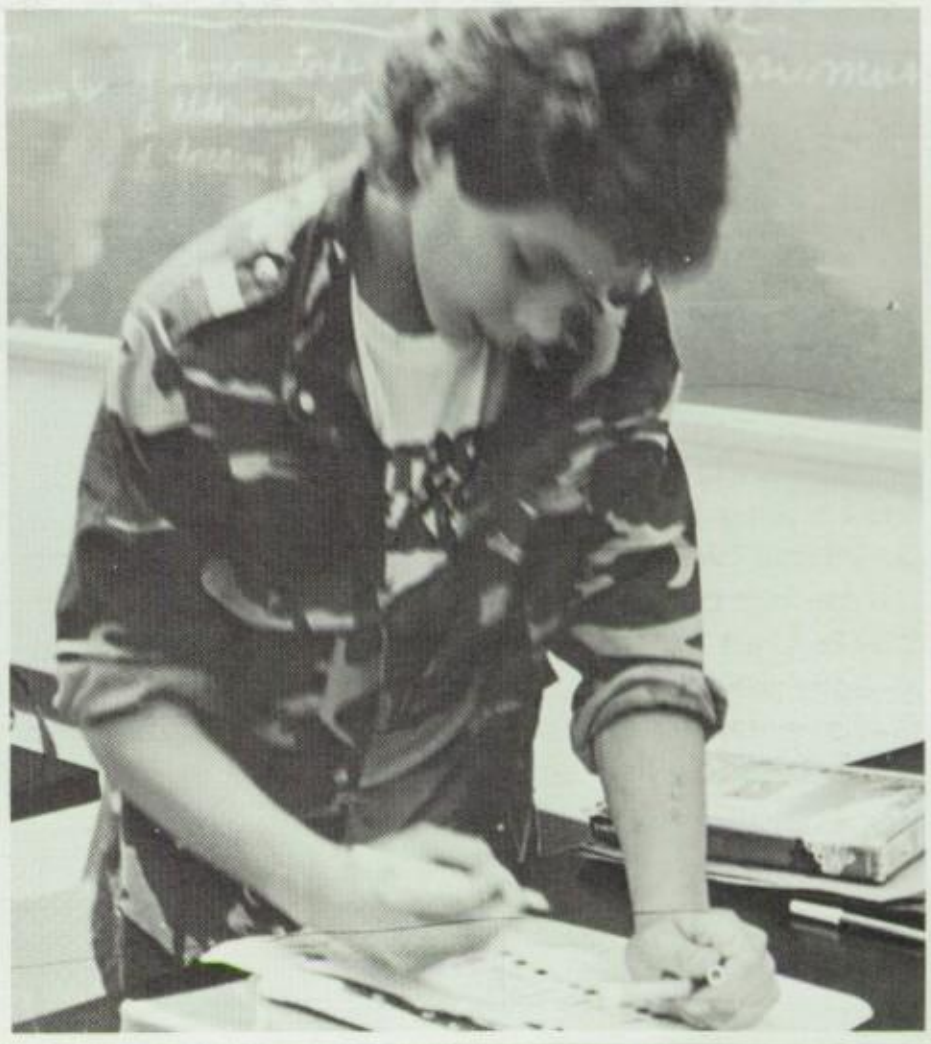
Christopher Rowell
Mike Salter
Sandy Salter
Tyson Salter



At the outdoor pep rally Michelle Moore, Leslie Evans and Misty Barbo get into the spirit of things while Casey Phillips doesn't seem too enthusiastic about it all.

Cold, bony fingers reach for Anthony Hullaby with a little assist from Rebecca Moore . . . is she trying to help Anthony or hasten him to his doom?

The color coating of his key is Jason Riccuito's final step in the completion of his science project.



Deborah Sanders
Chris Smith
Lashunda Smith
Eric Thomas
Shane Waites
Devon Walsh

Brian Warren
Christy Warren
Chris Whiteman

Mark Wiggins
Frank Womack
Johnny Womack

Sheila Woodall
Susan Woodall

Not pictured:
Janet Adams
Chris Hammett
Angela Holt
Jason Riccuito

Some Teacher's Day Lasts Past 3:15 P.M.

SACRIFICE

For the past three years, Ringgold High School has won the Northwestern Literally Rally Sweepstakes Award in division three. This means that Ringgold has really been stepping up in their academic standards. For this accomplishment, we have to give the Ringgold High School faculty a pat on the back.

Maybe many people think of their teachers as nose to the grindstone slave drivers but the students of Ringgold High School know better. Perhaps the reason the students do so well is that the teachers understand the students. Any time there's a student who needs help there is always a teacher who will take time out of his/her extremely busy schedule to give assistance. Not only do teachers help students academically they also put in long hour after school on many extracurricular activities. For instance, Mr. Johnson has been sponsor and director of the Senoir Class Play for seven years now. Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Robertson have both veen sponsors for the Ringgold High School Cheerleaders. Mrs. Hamilton, has been FBLA sponsor for three years. Mr. Mason has been FFA sponsor for eighteen years. Mrs. Woodard has been FHA sponsor for 14 years. There are many other teachers who have spent extra hours helping out students.

For most teachers, work on extracurricular activities has both a good and bad side. On the positive side, most teachers liked working with the students. Mr. Johnson said, "I enjoy working wth the good seniors one last time." Mrs. Robertson said that the reason she liked working with the students is, "I like to learn more about the students and hopefully help the students learn more about the teachers." Mrs. Hamilton said, "i like the competition and enthusiasm it instills in the students." Although the teachers answered differently on what the like best about working with school activities, they had very similar thoughts on what they like least. They all agreed the thy didn't like the time that it took away from their families and personal lives. Ringgold High School faculty is very dedicated and we are fortunate to have them.

"Why don't one of you come over here and help?" Mrs. Sams, alias the Slavedriver, never stops finding things to do.

Barrie Haynie
Principal
Henry Jackson
Asst. Principal, Typing I, II, Acct. I, Gen. Business
Harold Johnson
Asst. Principal, American History, World Geography
Billie Basinger
Secretary

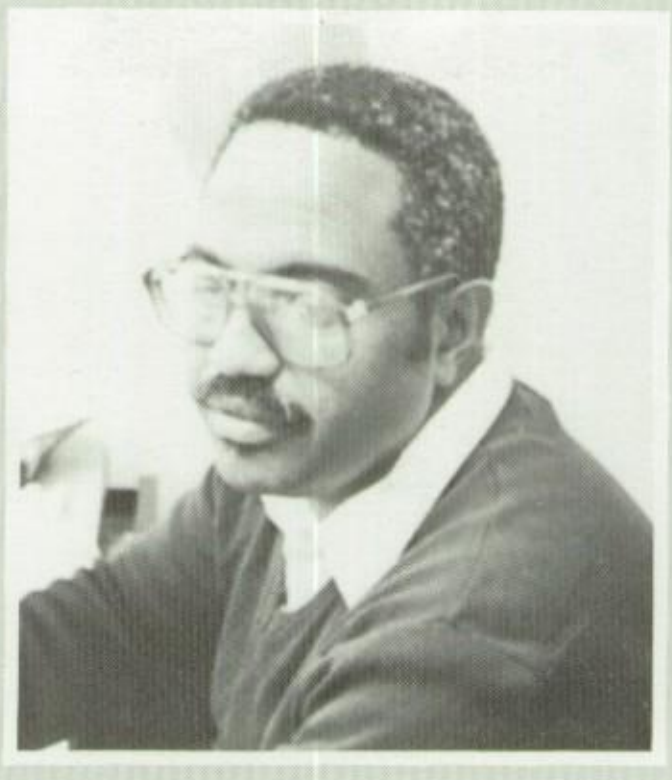
Bruce Beatty
English I, II, Journalism
Vesta Boyet
Resource
Edna Coleman
Science 7 & 8
Joy Green
English 7 & 8

Harold Grigg
Resource
Evelyn Hamilton
Typing I, Office Machines, Gen. Business
Walter Hays
G/T
Mary Beth Hope
Reading 7 & 8

David Kidd
Science, P.E.
Clarence Mason
Agriculture I, II, III, IV
Linda May
Algebra I, Bus. & Cons. Math
Elmore Mayfield
History, Civics, Free Ent., Geog.
Willard Moore
Math 7 & 8
Earl Morman
Resource

Floyd Pate
P.E. I, II, 7 & 8
Barry Plunkett
Soc. Studies 7, La. History
Larry Reeder
Chemistry, Biology
Peggy Robertson
Bus. English, English III, IV
Christine Saucier
French, Sociology, Library
Robert Scott
Study Hall, Resource

As part of a little friendly competition on the basketball court, Mr.Haynie attempts to block Coach Hays shot.



Through sleet, snow, rain and natural disasters, there's always someone you can count on to bring you home or take you somewhere. Who is this person you might ask? Superman? ... No. Rambo maybe? ... No, it's Coach Simon! Coach Simon has been chauffeur for almost everyone at Ringgold High School at one time or another. He has driven for many organizations since he has been at RHS. In fact, there is probably not any organization he hasn't driven for. Be it the band, the football team, the Literary Rally contestants, or the seniors on their senior trip, Coach Simon always comes through. We would like to take time out and say "THANKS" Coach Simon and that we love you!

Bus drivers: bottom: Ralph Webb, Huey Roberson, Mavis Amos, Guy Shepherd, Howard Colbert; top: Connie Smith, Nelda Golson, Dorothy Kennedy, Wanda McCoy, Shirley Carter, Carolyn Posey, Glennie Monroe; Not pictured: Phoebe Mosley, Welton Golver, Herman Crump.

The stress of trying to teach Algebra II has driven Mrs. Thornton to rather uncharacteristic behavior.

The cafeteria food seems to produce three very different responses from Mr. Mason, Coach Kidd and Mr. Haynie.

Leon Johnson
Custodian

Joy Sams
Math-Yearbook

Sherman Simon
Coach-Spec. Ed.

Ruthie Stewart
Spec. Ed.

Mary Thomas
Counselor

Maria Thornton
Alg.II, Geom.,
Computer Lit.,
Computer Sci.

Mark Waites
Custodian

Bettie Weathers
Physical Ed.-Coach

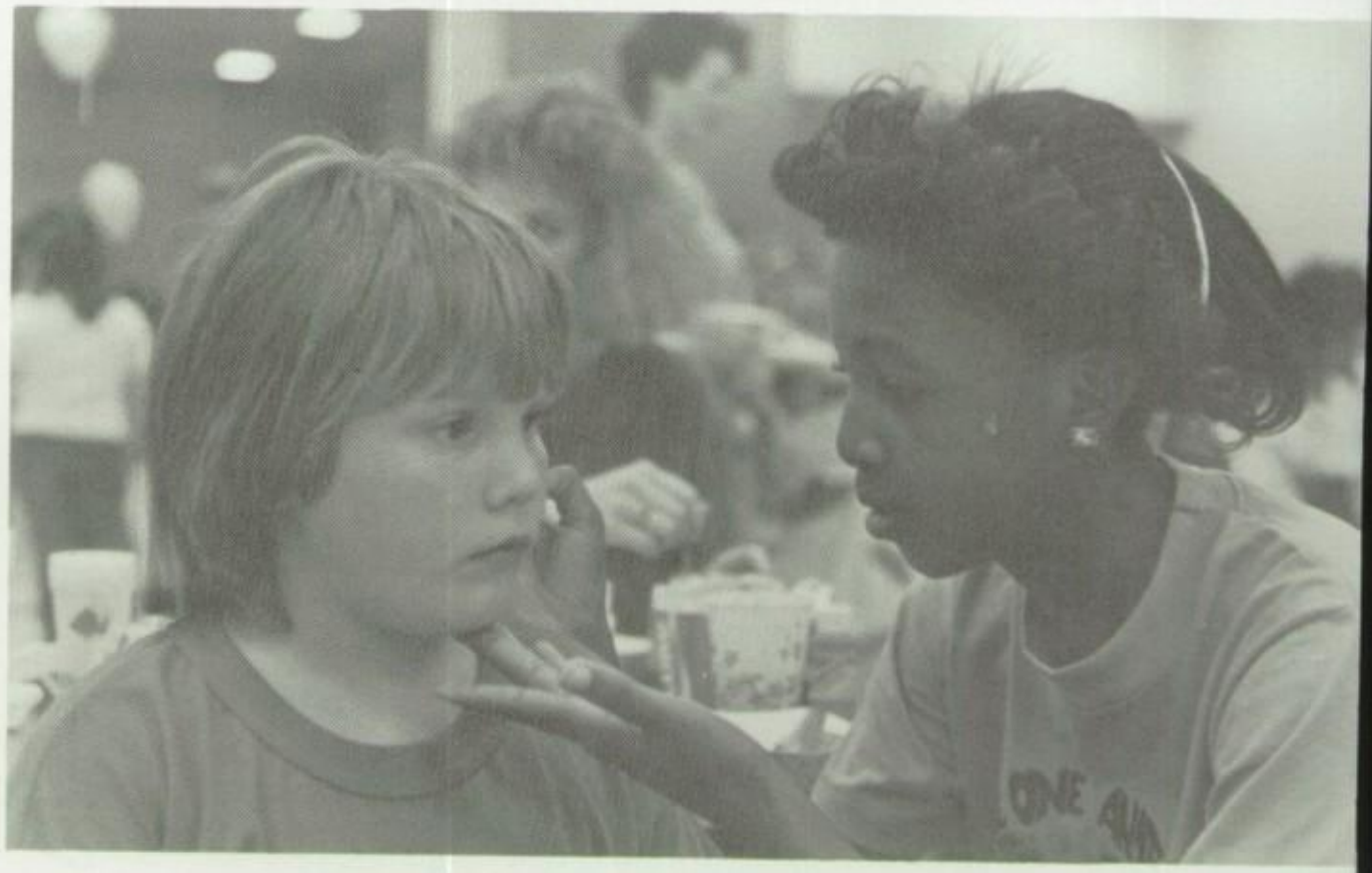
Mary Claire Woodard
Home Ec.

Charles Young
Band-Music

Ready! Aim! Fire! Fifth Grader Misty McGregor takes aim hoping to win a prize at the carnival.

Morning break gives Shaneka Madden an opportunity to skip rope dowm the sidewalk.

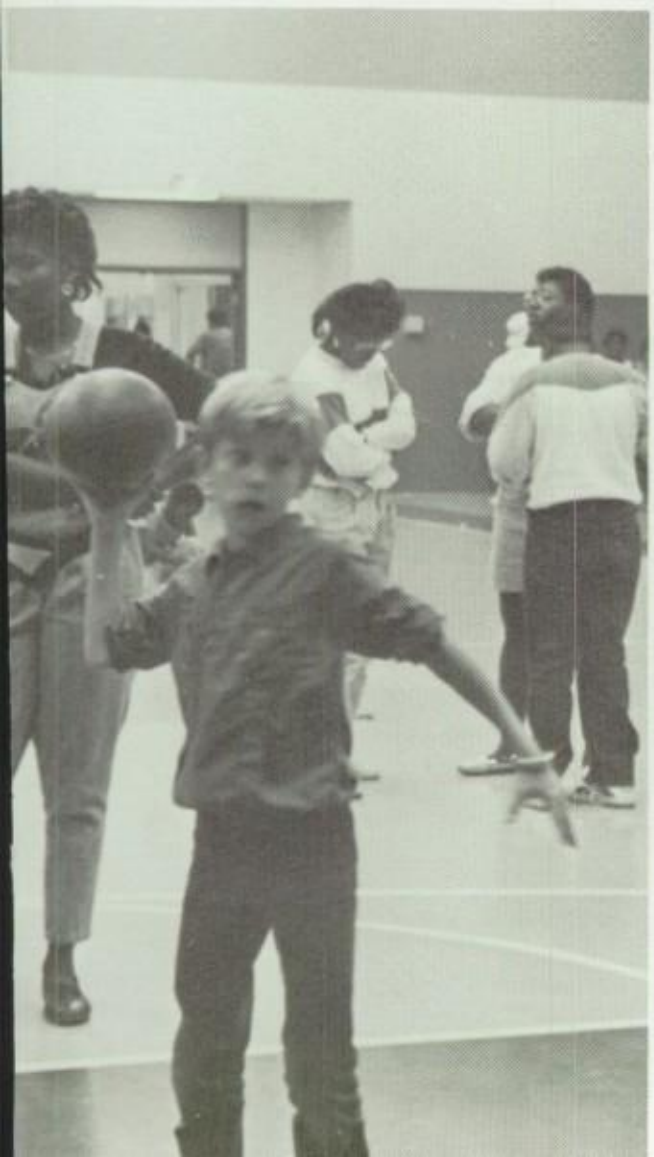
With a light touch Freshman Morristine Shepherd decorates Leslie Bussy's cheek at the face painting booth.



Bombs away! Matthew Thornton readys himself to give it his all in the football toss.

Elementary

Carnival-Food, Games & Fun



Each fall the Elementary School holds its carnival. It is held every year to raise money for classroom supplies such as bulletin board ideas, markers, construction paper, pens, etc.

Each year the students really look forward to the games such as darts, ring toss, Chinese raffle, shooting gallery, facepainting, cake walk, basketball toss, football toss, softball throw, bowling, color wheel and many others.

Chairman Mrs. Tingle says, "Work on the carnival starts in early September with planning each booth and ordering prizes for each booth. By the time the carnival rolls around we are just as excited as the kids are."

The parents really get involved too, with baking cakes and pies and helping in the booths. With the tutors' help the food is always great with cupcakes, hotdogs, popcorn, nachos, cokes, coffee and other good things to eat.

The carnival is a lot of work but it gives the teachers time to work together and have fun. They get to visit with parents and see them having a good time with students. It's great for the community to get together at the school for fun!

Under Lock And Key

But It Was All For Charity

An arrest? Mr. Green was arrested? What happened? No, it wasn't for anything serious, it was part of a fund raising activity sponsored by the Shreveport Chapter of the March of Dimes.

The school secretary was there to witness the long arm of the law in action. "I was surprised when Officer Calwell just came in and put the cuffs on him," commented Mrs. Wilson.

The bail was set by the 'not-so-honorable judge' Rev. Curtis Woods. Donations, taken up among the elementary teachers, didn't cover the whole bail so Mr. Green ended up having to finish paying his own bail.

A very surprised Mrs. Green only found out about the arrest after it had happened. "I didn't know about all of this, it was surprising," said Mrs. Green, "but I think this is a good activity to raise funds."

The informant who contacted the police to make the arrest is still unknown and rumor has it that Mr. Green is offering a substantial reward for information leading to the unveiling of the culprit!

Odis Green
Principal
Lane Wallingsford
Asst. Principal
Laura Wilson
Secretary
Odell Banburg
Special Ed. Tutor

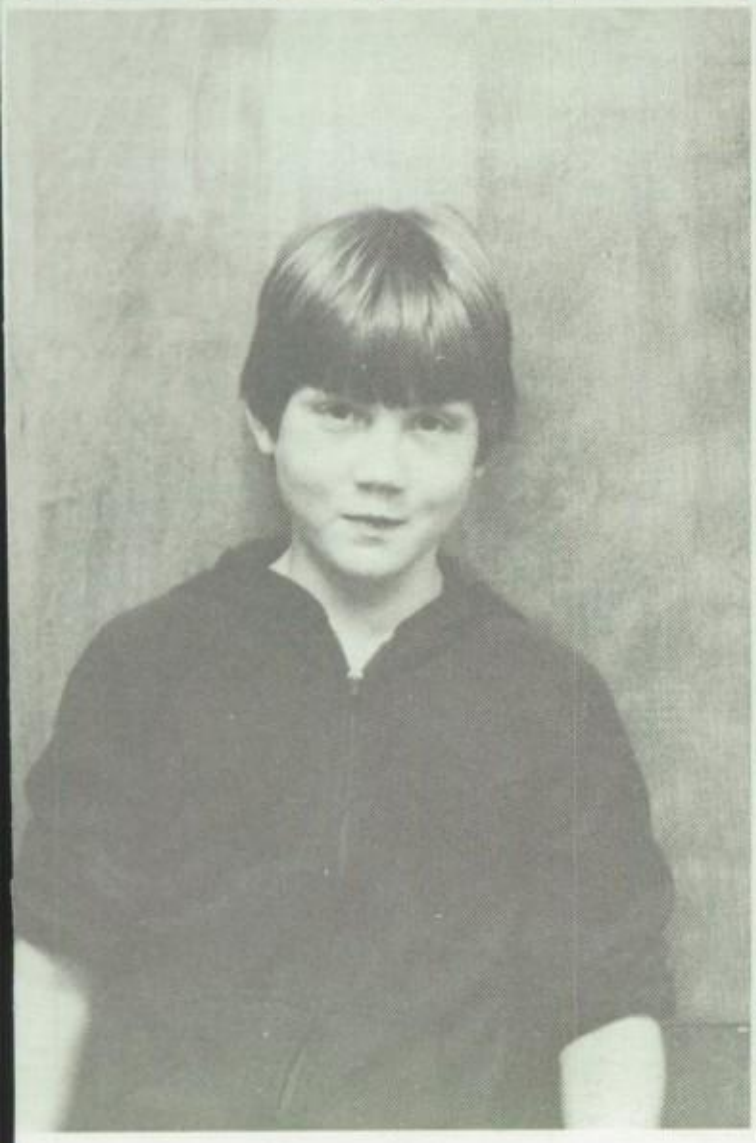
Barbara Batchler
Speech Therapy
Rosetta Bowden
Librarian
Patsy Crump
Tutor
Clara Davis
Special Education

Ruth Mitchell
School Nurse
Betsy Moore
Chapterl
Jane Morgan
Tutor
Maxine Morgan
Tutor

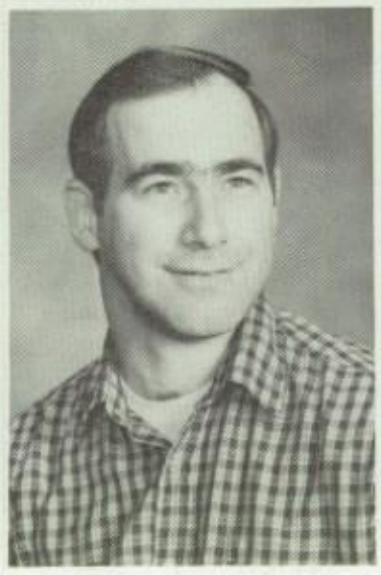
It's lockup time when officer Calwell slaps the cuffs on Mr. Green.

Cafeteria Workers: Doris Brown (manager), Jean Woodard, Barbara Grigsby, Mary Madison, Mary Kellogg, Carolyn Thompon, Susan Salter, Mattie Hullaby, and Retha Murray. Not pictured: Claude Dickey and Janice Howell

Sarah Murray
Tutor
Janice Pietsch
Tutor
Bredalynn Rasco
Tutor
Mary Salsberry
Resource



Judy Wallingsford
Tutor
Margaret Whitfield
Tutor



Tom Wood
Gifted and Talented
Far Left: A late arrival, Chris Keith gets the door shut on him when he reports to the office.

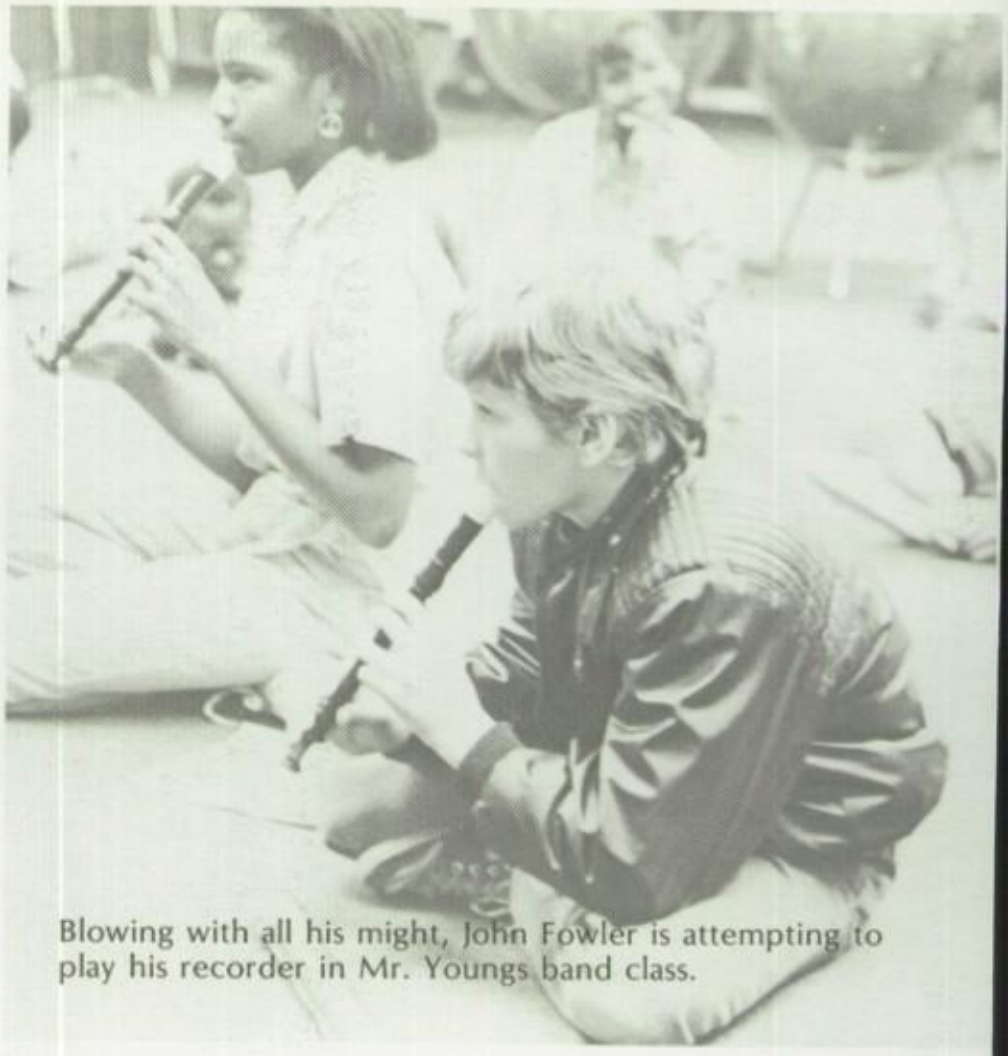
More And More Opinions
A Room Just Full Of Opinions

Bill Cosby and Howard the Duck won top ratings from Mrs. Green's sixth grade class this year when students were asked to mane their favorite TV and movie personalities. "I think Bill Cosby is one of the funniest people on earth," said Tradey Collins, while Obdull Vesson said that "Howard the Duck" was his favorite because it was so different.

In the voting for their favorite thing to do, eating was a big favorite with sixth graders, many of whom agreed with Terri Ashley when he said, "I just love to eat!"

Voting in the favorite teacher category was naturally won by Mrs. Green, although Tony Britnell inspired by fond memories, mentioned his third grade teacher, "She was very nice and helped you when you needed it."

Naturally, all of the class eill be looking forward to next year and the move to a new school.



Blowing with all his might, John Fowler is attempting to play his recorder in Mr. Youngs band class.

Terri Ashley
Tony Britnell
Phillip Broadway
Sharron Chase
Tracy Collins
Mrs. Moslene Green

John Fowler
Temeka Hardman
Teresa Iverson
Nerita Loud
Kischa Parker

Jimmy Puckett
George Reliford
Tracy Rhone
Sirena Thomas
Misty Tilley
Obdull Wesson
Vickie Wright

Not Pictures
Roderick Holman
Chris Woodall

Hard at work trying to answer the questions on the science paper, Nerita Loudd asks her classmate Temeka Hardman for some answers.

Somehow managing to sneak out of class, Misti Tilley manages to get a drink of water before going back to class

A Full Year . . .

The "Joe Cool" of the sixth grade class, Randall Bare shows off his best laid back look.

From The Classroom To The Science Fair

The students in Mrs. Gomila's sixth grade class can look back on a year full of scientific discoveries. The science fair was a high point in the year and students were kept busy getting their projects set up and ready to demonstrate.

Carmon Kelly decided to do her science project on rocks. Mrs. Gomila said, "Things are different this year. The students have to have individual projects and must stand by their projects to demonstrate them for the judges."

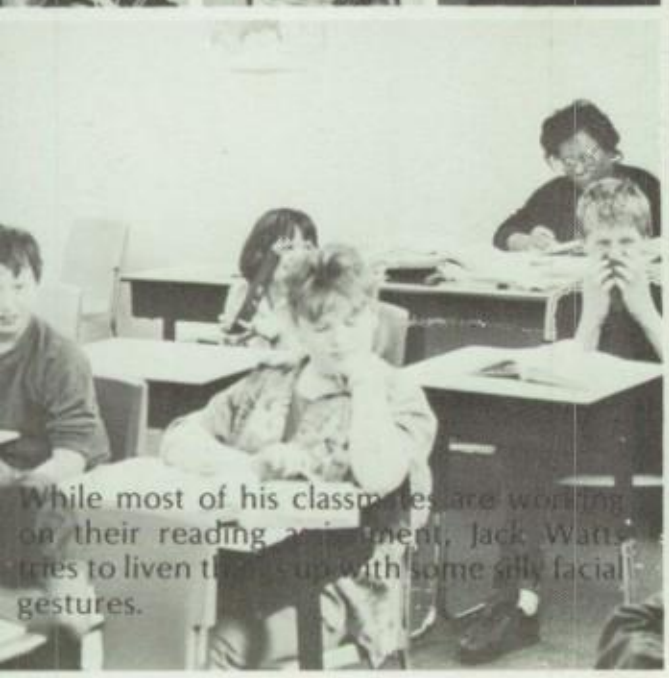
As part of their science class this year, students also studied about energy and about haw a power and light plant works. Lashanda Lanford said, "It is interesting to see how so much power caqn be generated from small generators." Natasha Scott alos said "I would like to see how the electricity is transmitted from place to place."

Mrs. Gomila was pleased with the progress her classes made this year and hopes their interest in science will continue throughout their lives.

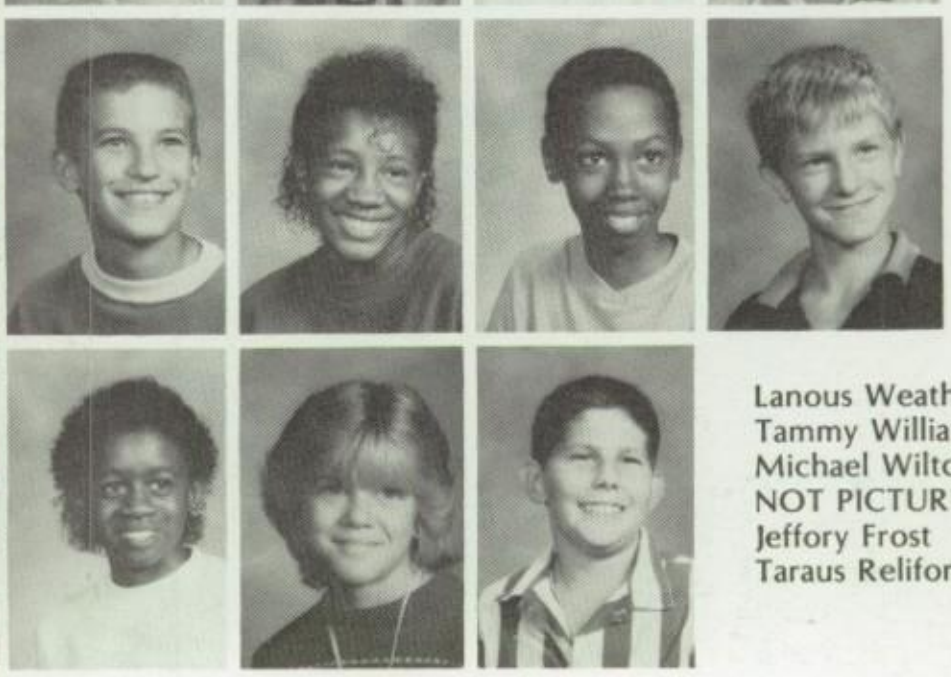
Mrs. Linda Gomila
Randall Bare
Ace Carter
Deborah Carter
Tonette Cook
Rachel Evens

Desting Fort
Anthony Griffith
Sharon Harper
Cunthia Houghton
Carmon Kelly

Lashanda Langford
Nerissa Loud
Benjamin Mason
Steve Mattews
Randy McClain
Tracy Mingo
Tracy Mosley



While most of his classmates are working on their reading assignment, Jack Watts tries to liven things up with some silly facial gestures.



Brandon Procell
Natasho Scott
Tyrone Taylor
Jack Watts

Lanous Weathers
Tammy Williams
Michael Wiltcher
NOT PICTURED:
Jeffory Frost
Taraus Reliford

Different Opinions From

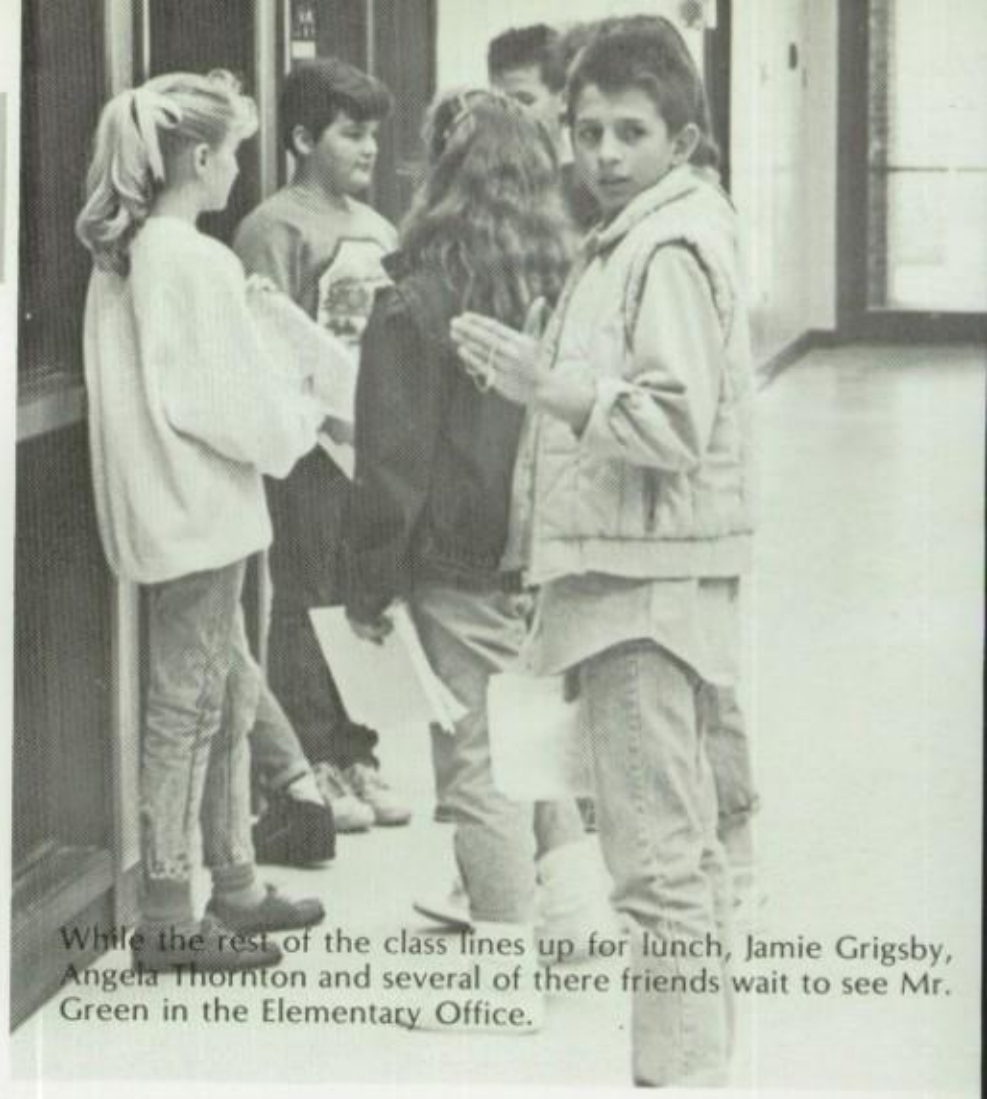
The Head Of The Class

At Ringgold Elementary, the sixth grade is the "Head of the Class" and that is both good and bad. Brook Bolin said "It's kind of like being a senior I guess because we're the oldest class on our side."

On the down side, Roderick Collins said "The only bad thing is when we finish the sixth grade and start Jr. High it's like were starting over because we will be the youngext class on the High School side.

Mrs. Ellis said the kids are looking forward to starting Jr. High but they are really looking forward to summer. "Phillip Taylor said summer is the best because we get out of school and can do anything we want."

Sixth Graders also have sharply divided opinions about school in general. Kelly Hunt said "School is all right, I get to see all of my friends and talk to people I don't get to see very often." The opposite view was represented by Thomas Pietsch who said: I think school is stupid because I could be doing better stuff at home."



While the rest of the class lines up for lunch, Jamie Grigsby, Angela Thornton and several of there friends wait to see Mr. Green in the Elementary Office.

Janelle Alford
Brook Bolin
Shelly Boyet
Mistie Brock
Roderick Collins

Jason Dover
Cynthia Gildon
Angela Hart
Brandon Huckaby
Steven Hulion

Kelli Hunt
Joey Lloyd
Tasha Moore
Danielle Nettles
Andrew Parker
Natasha Parker
Terence Shehee

Markisha Smith
Philip Taylor
Angela Thornton
Talbert Tipton
Boo Todd

Craig Watts
John Woodall
Jaseph Woodall
Ginger Wooley
NOT PICTURED:
Jamie Grigsby
Thomas Pietsch

Its cold and lonely for Steven Hulion being the only student in the back of the room.

Weighed down by the volume of work before him, Levon Davis takes a break while

Shanna Mays and Laurie Hilton listen attentively.

What Has 54 Legs And Eats

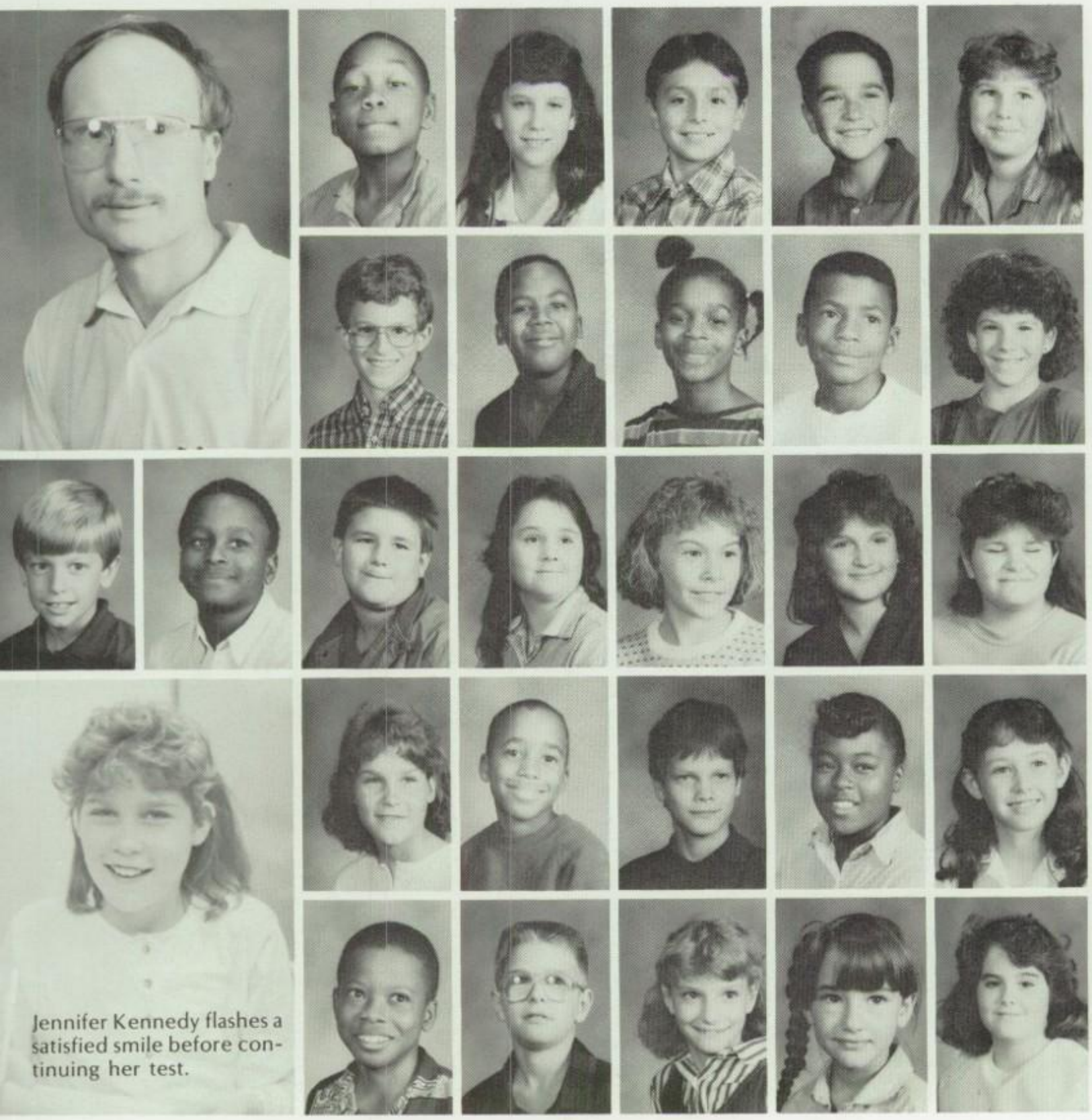
OREO DELIGHT?

Oreo Delight! The very name appeals to the taste buds. A luscious concoction made of Oreo cookies, Cool-Whip, and vanilla ice cream, oreo delights were made by Mr. Saucier's fifth grade class as part of a reading assignment on following directions. "I liked crumbling the cookies" said Tamone Lewis. "I liked eating it" replied Chris Nettles as did most of the students

All the students of Mr. Saucier's class were ready and willing to participate in many things this year. Several of his students took part in this year's DAR Essay contest as part of the celebration of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. Michael Blue wrote the winning essay on "Roads to Ratification".

In December, the class made a trip to the Ringgold Nurse Care Center to put up door decorations and to visit with the residents. "I enjoyed putting up Christmas tree decorations on the doors," said Milli Webb. Students also paid a visit to the Ringgold Branch of the Bienville Parish Library. "I liked learning how to use a card catalog" said Nikki Corley.

During the year these fifth graders accomplished many things and they are now looking forward to their last year in elementary school.



Mr. David Saucier
Kenta Allums
Amy Anderson
Jackie Barbo
Stephen Bates
Mary Blake

Michael Blue
Cameron Brown
Louise Chase
Dextrick Cook
Nicole Corley

Tammy Crochet
Levon Davis
Kevin Guice
Laurie Hilton
Carey Hickman
Brandee Hord
Aimee Joyner

Jennifer Kennedy
Tomone Lewis
Danny Litton
Shanna Mays
Misty McGregor

Chad Mingo
Chris Nettles
Lori Robertson
Samantha Brewer
Milli Webb

Jennifer Kennedy flashes a satisfied smile before continuing her test.

Deck The Halls . . .

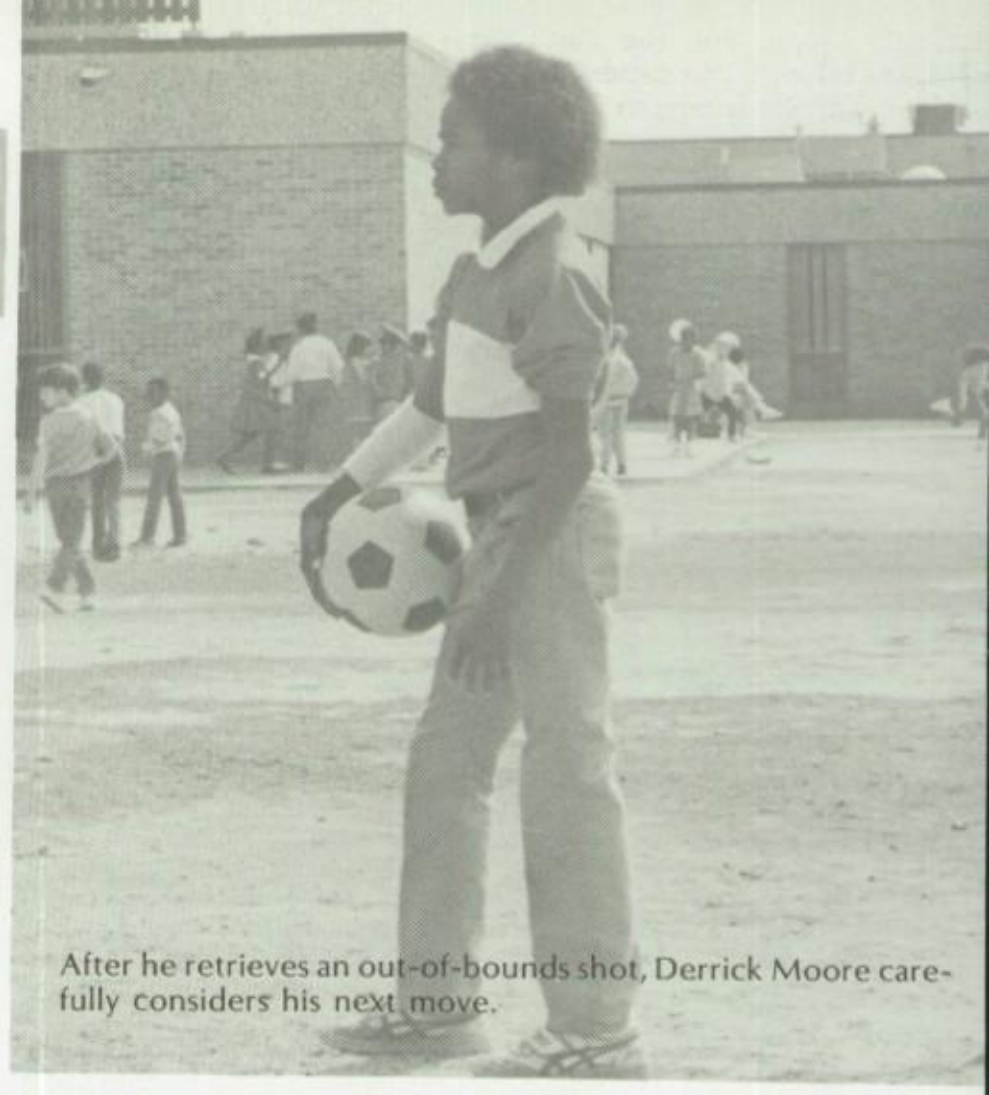
With Fifth Grade Art Work

From clouds to Valentine hearts, Mrs. Grigg's fifth grade class has kept the halls outside of their classroom beautifully decorated all year with their varied art projects. "I liked making the different constellations the best," said Kammese Moore. "I liked it when we made clouds out of cotton," replied Sam Bass. Students also posted their essays using descriptive adjectives along with their art work. "I enjoyed writing poems and hanging them up," said Shalondria Love. They have enjoyed creating different things for others to admire.

Another activity the students enjoyed was their music class which was taught by High School band director, Mr. Charles Young.

"I liked playing 'When the Saints Go Marching In' on the recorder" said Hope Miller. They learned how to read music and play the recorder.

In her first year of teaching, Mrs. Grigg has tried hard to introduce varied new activities to her students and she is looking forward to next year.



After he retrieves an out-of-bounds shot, Derrick Moore carefully considers his next move.

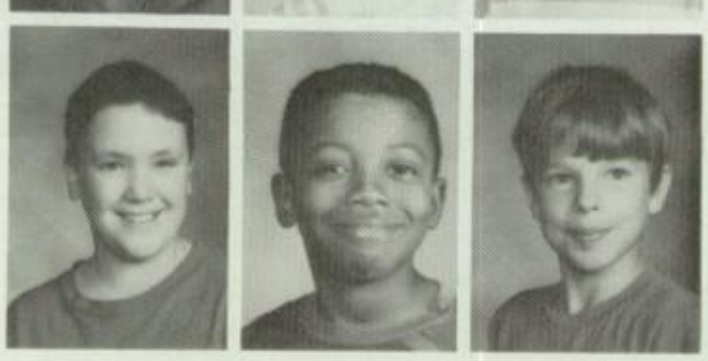
Jennifer Barmore
Patricia Bass
Sam Bass
Marie Brack
Mark Broadway
Mrs. Martha Grigg

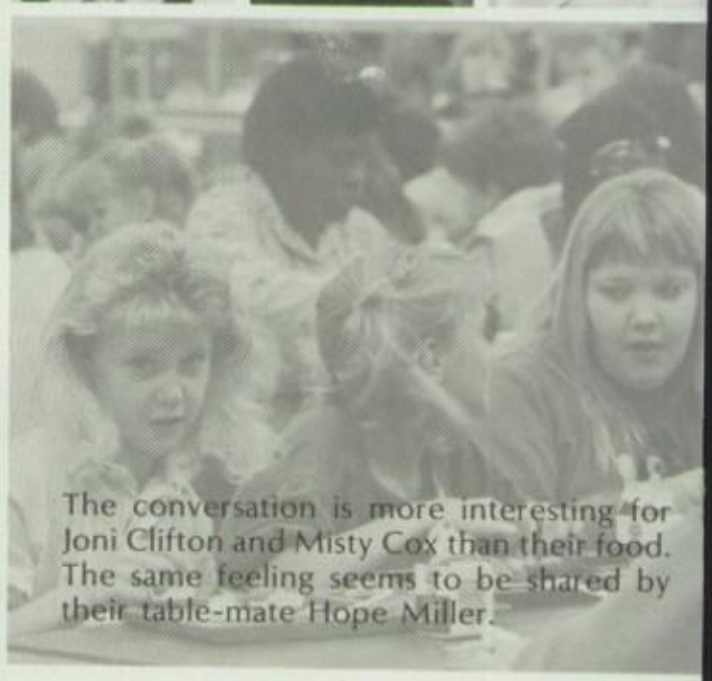
Joni Clifton
James Coleman
Celida Constable
Misty Cox
Trahan Love

Shalondria Love
Terry McCann
Keith McCoy
Jamie McCoy
Hope Miller
Jeffrey Mitchell
Bentrence Moore

Derrick Moore
Jermaine Moore
Kammese Moore
Desmond Mosley

Corey Powell
Omar Smith
Patrick Woodard
Not pictured:
Patrick Hobbs





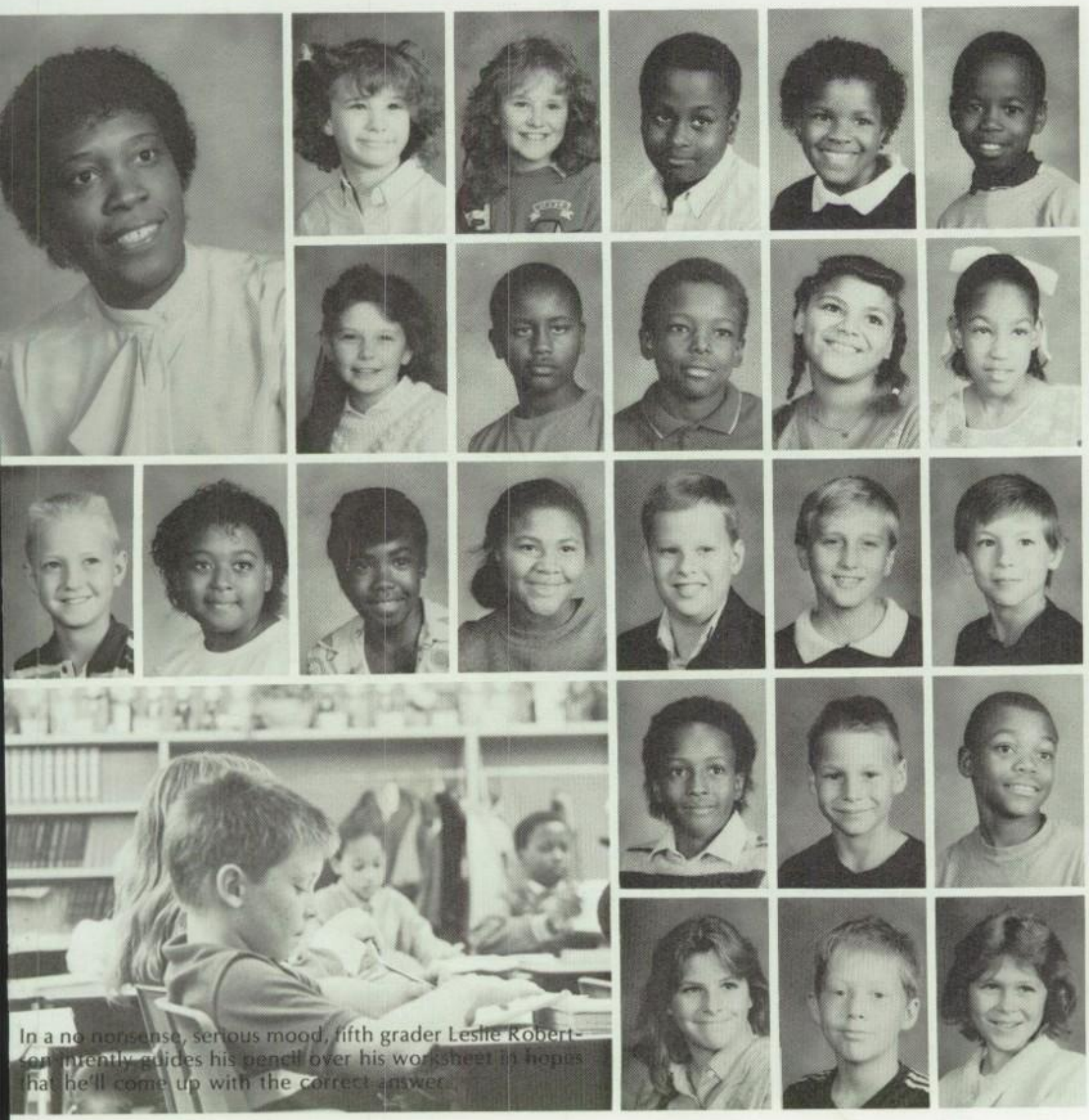
The conversation is more interesting for Joni Clifton and Misty Cox than their food. The same feeling seems to be shared by their table-mate Hope Miller.

acher's helper for the day, h Sprawls hands out papers to ath Mann who seems to have mixed feelings about what he has been given.

Fifth Graders Celebrate The Bicentennial

"I pledge allegiance . . . " Reviving an old tradition, Mrs. Mason's fifth grade class recited the Pledge of Allegiance every morning for one week in honor of the bicentennial of the Constitution. This was a new experience for these students because, unlike many years ago when the pledge was recited daily, this was not how they usually started the day. "I liked saying the pledge because we haven't done it since kindergarten," said Jimmy Morgan. Also as a part of the celebration of the Constitution, each student was required to write an essay titled "What the Constitution Means to Me". These essays were hung on the library wall for everyone to see. Mrs. Mason's class constructed a model of the Statue of Liberty and the U.S. Coat of Arms that were also displayed in the hall. "I enjoyed making the Statue of Liberty," said Tashebia Lofton.

In a seasonal art project, Christmas wreaths were made from coat hangers and colorful strips of cloth. Each student also put together a unique Christmas ornament with his or her picture in the middle as a gift for their parents.



Mrs. Barbara Mason
Angelena Awbrey
Jennifer Brotherton
Lavelle Davis
Regina Gipson
Eric Hadnot

Amanda Hodges
Tyrone Jordan
Cortez Knox
Tashebia Lofton
Lemeka Loudd

Heath Mann
Latisha Mays
Armetrius Moore
Marissa Moore
Jimmy Morgan
JimBob Oney
Leslie Robertson

Derrick Shehee
Phillip Sprawls
Melvin Taylor

Madeline Woodall
Rodney Woodall
Kim Woodard
Not pictured:
Alecia Brown

In a no nonsense, serious mood, fifth grader Leslie Robertson intently guides his pencil over his worksheet in hopes that he'll come up with the correct answer.

Authors And Artists . . .

While Christie Rachall brushes up on her math skills, Demarien Mills does some chin-in-hand daydreaming.

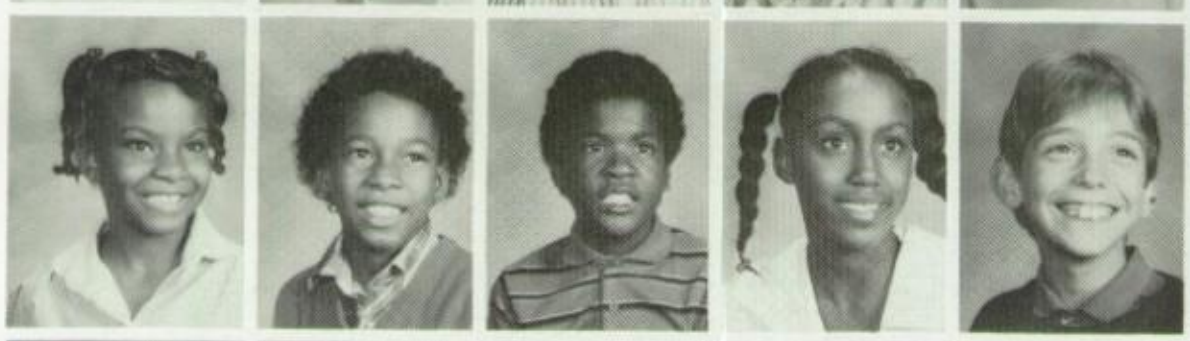
This Class Has It All!

"How my parents reacted to my report card," could prove to be quite an interesting speech as students in Mr. Hampton's fourth grade class learned this year. Their speeches on this particular topic were sad, funny, or very serious . . . depending on the grades students brought home! This assignment was part of the class' emphasis on improving oral and written communication. Students also wrote many stories this year and provided their own illustrations, combining writing and art skills into one project.

This year the class submitted group and individual projects for the science fair on such interesting topics as poisonous plants, making clouds in a jar, and butterflies.

Amy Bogan
Stephanie Boyett
Harvey Carr
Alan Cherry
Angeline Hatfield
Mr. Linnon Hampton

Kenya Iverson
Vincent Jones
Robert Lofton
Zita Marshall
Langrum Mathews



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Damarien Mills
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hall
Steven Reliford
Sherry Roberson
Wilbert Smith

Kelly Temple
Reggie Theus
Dwight Thomas

Arnetha Weathers
James Woodall
Jacqueline Woods
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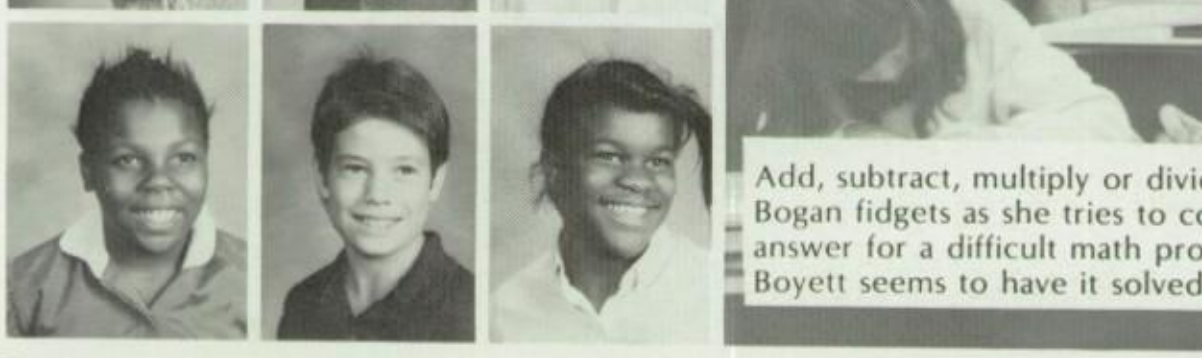
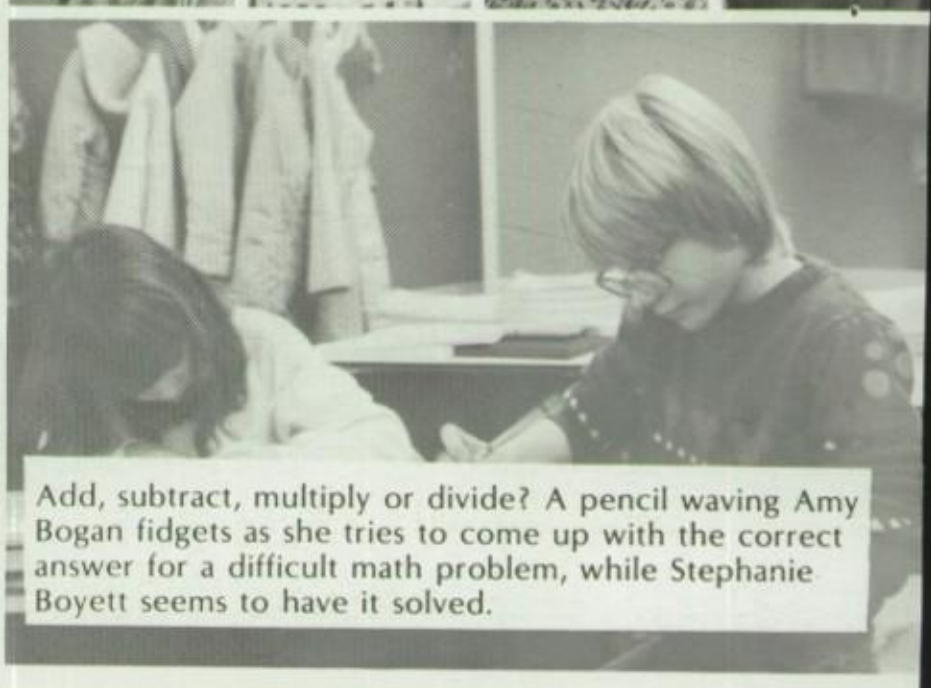
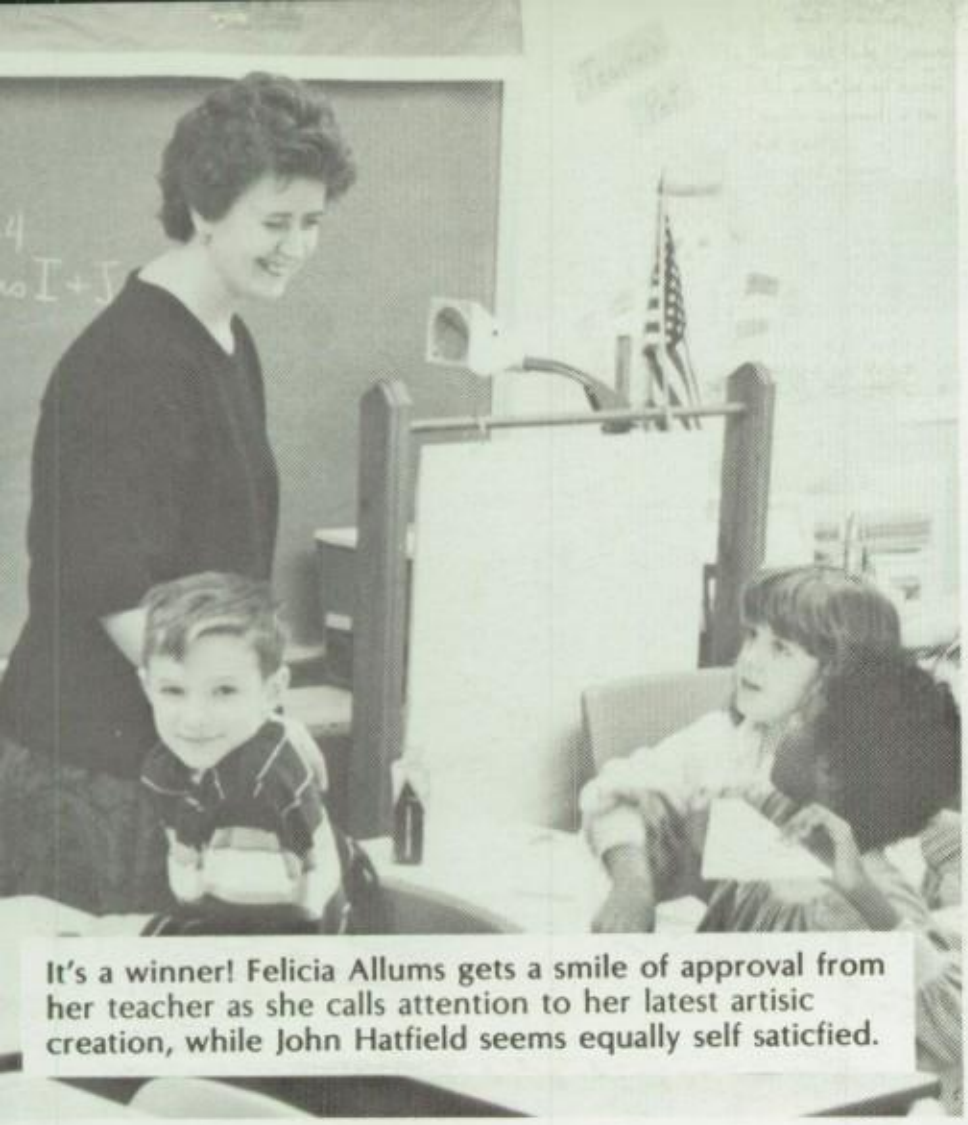
Kissy Allums
Damesha Henderson
Frederick Warren





Add, subtract, multiply or divide? A pencil waving Amy Bogan fidgets as she tries to come up with the correct answer for a difficult math problem, while Stephanie Boyett seems to have it solved.



It's a winner! Felicia Allums gets a smile of approval from her teacher as she calls attention to her latest artisic creation, while John Hatfield seems equally self saticfied.

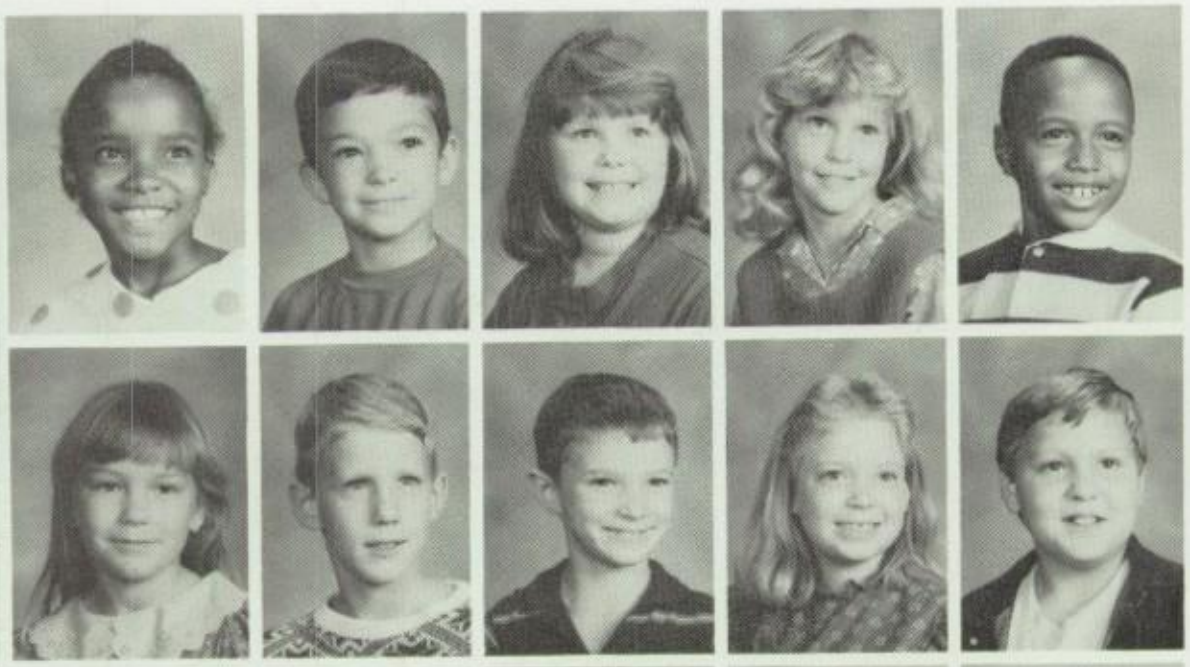
Hobbies . . .
Paths To The Future

By a large margin, students on Mrs. Lloyd's fourth grade class would rate sports as their very favorite activity. Basketball, football, swimming, and jumping on trampolines seem to be the next most popular activities. Some students have very serious hobbies such as showing horses and cows in local and regional livestock fairs. Even though he has been chased out of the pen by a bull, Jonathan Wallace said "I like to raise calves . . . I think it is a lot of fun."

Helping people is also something these students enjoy. "It's fun to help people who need help," stated Tracie Morgan. At Christmas the class gave their larger-than-life tree to the Ringgold Nurse Care Center.

Even in the fourth grade some students are looking to the future and planning what they will do after high school. "When I graduate I want to go to college so I will be smarter than my mom and dad," said Susan Sanders.

Some of the girls are participating in a group of young baton-twirlers under the guidance of senior Julie Bernard and junior Tiffany McGregor. All of these things are great, but as Felicia Allums said, "most of all I like going to Ringgold Elementary School." Spoken like a true Redskin.



Mrs. Virginia Lloyd
Felicia Allums
Michael Bates
Jennifer Clayborn
Cori Conly
Darnell Davis

Angel Goodwin
Trey Harrison
John Hatfield
Ashley Huckaby
Benjamin Huckaby

Alvin Jinks
Michael Kelly
Tiffany Martin
Tracie Morgan
Shelly Pate
Boris Patterson
Tony Rambo

With a critical eye, Tenesha Smith evaluates her art work and gives her project a thumbs up.

Lashonda Roberson
Susan Sanders
Tenesha Smith
Kristen Tingle

Jonathan Wallace
Chris Woodard
Roderick Woods
Yvonne Woods
Not Pictured
Danielle Barker

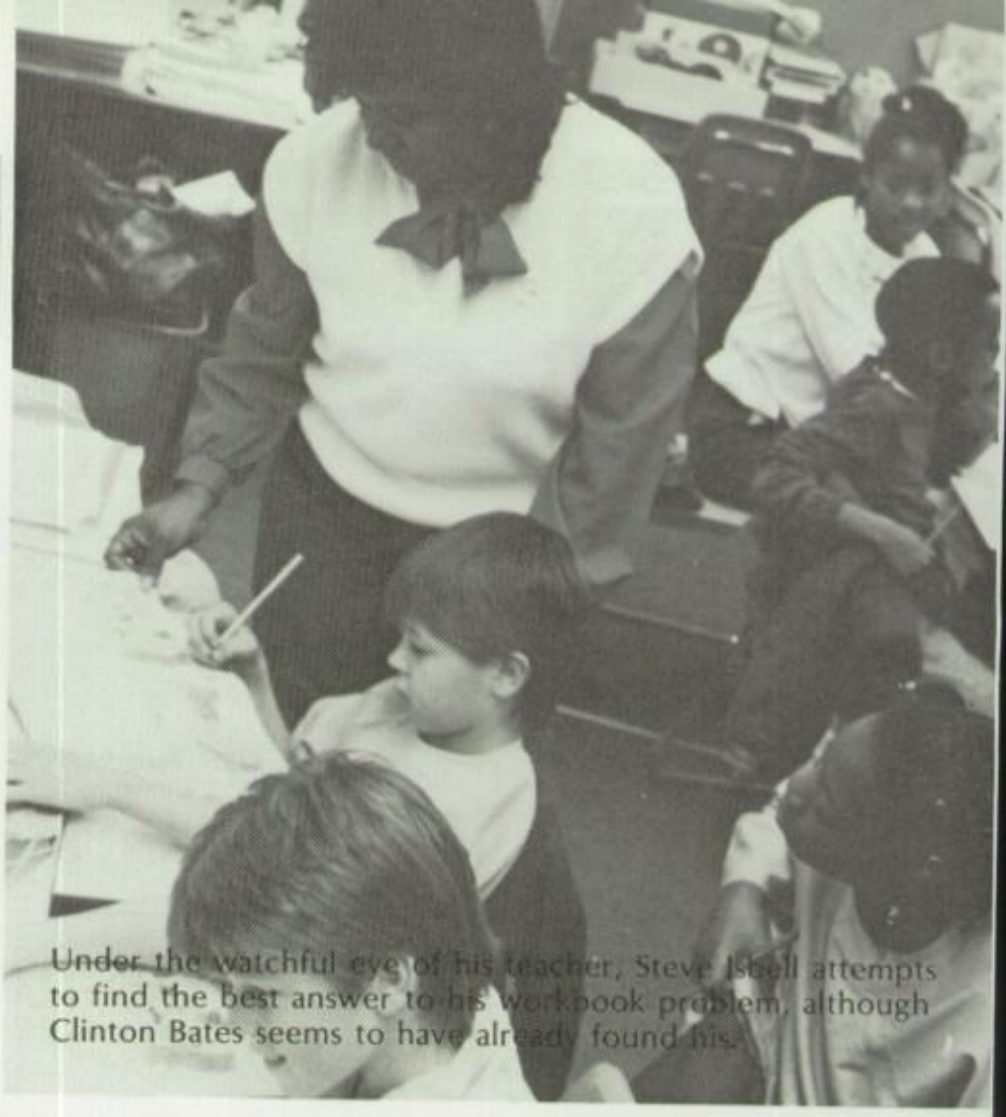
For The Future, We're . . .

Aiming High

Even though they are too young to be in the Air Force, students in Mrs. Watson's fourth grade class are aiming high and have great expectations for their futures. Many class members are planning careers as teachers. "I would like to ba a teacher when I grow up," said Tisha Weathers, "because I would like to help children. Some students like Donnie Lee and Jerome Glover would like to be doctors and do everything they can do to help the sick. Other occupations being considered ranged form architecture to engineering and professional sports. "I would like to be the president when I grow up," said Crissie Mancil, so I can help people.

Most students are very excited about this years science fair. They have chosen a variety of interesting and informative projects, such as E.S.P., space shuttles, animals, and drugs. "My project is on drugs," said Fadona Iverson, "because people who do drugs might stop and it could save a lot of peoples' lives."

This class has also excelled academically. They have had "Book-O-Ramas" in which they write reports on books they have read, and put them on display in the library.



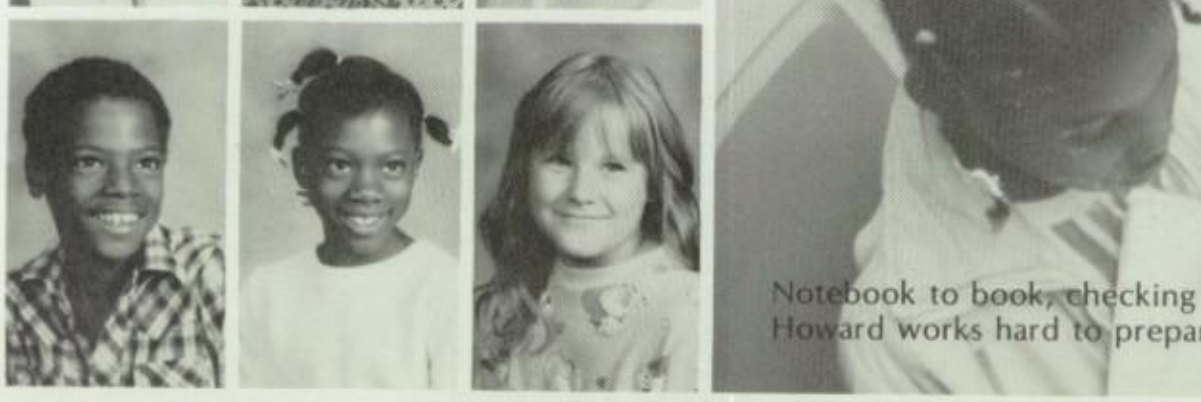
Under the watchful eye of his teacher, Steve Isbell attempts to find the best answer to his workbook problem, although Clinton Bates seems to have already found his.

Clinton Bates
Leslie Cook
Christopher Fowler
Jerome Glover
Sonja Howard
Mrs. Verlen Watson

Nicholas Hullaby
Stephen Isbell
Fadona Iverson
Eric Keiss
Gail King

Tracey Kirkham
Donnie Lee
Kimberly Little
Chrissie Mancil
Jermaine McGee
Emily Moore
Robert Moore

Damien Rasco
Terry Roberson
Amanda Salter



Kwame Theus
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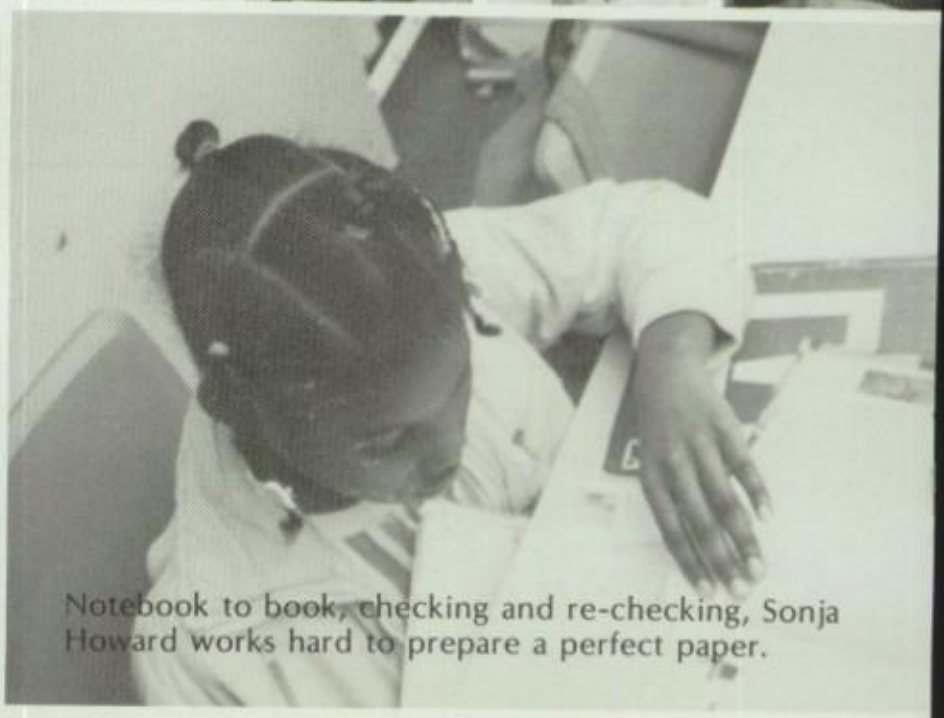
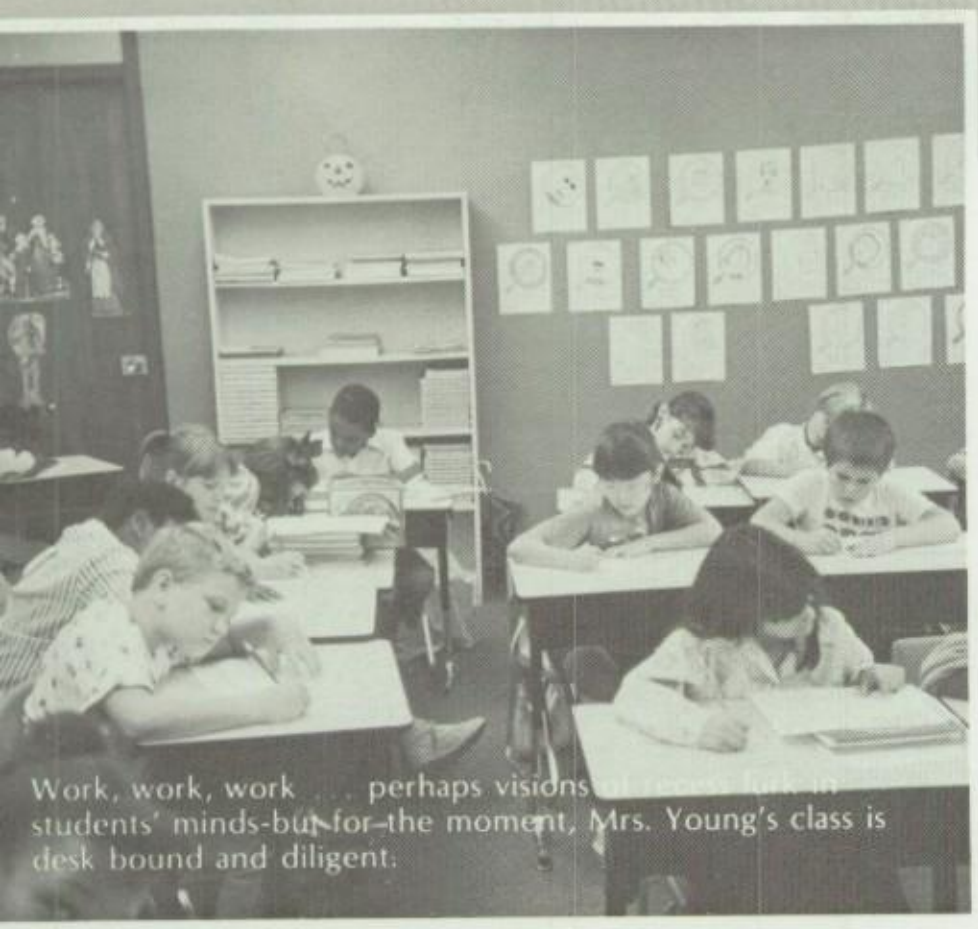


Notebook to book, checking and re-checking, Sonja Howard works hard to prepare a perfect paper.

BREAK!



Work, work, work . . . perhaps visions of recess fun in students' minds-but for the moment, Mrs. Young's class is desk bound and diligent.

Line up, single file and no pushing . . . this is a popular saying as a dismissal for recess. Have you ever wondered what the kids do after that LINE is broken?

"I like to climb on the monkey bars," said Mikki Uzzle. Many of the students have said that they like the monkey bars, playing chase, and jumping rope, also! "It's a lot of fun because we don't have to work." said Roy Edwards. Of course recess is best known among the students as a resting period for your brain.

But what do they do if it rains? When the class can't go outside, is it possible for them to have as much fun inside?

"Sometimes I like it because we get to play games," said Kimberly Moore. Teachers usually get together and plan rainy day activities. The children get to wash the boards, color, do puzzles, listen to records and play other quiet games. It may be different but students seem to enjoy the change.

The teachers try their best to allow the students to have a break-but they do have to be a little quieter than if they were outside.

Mrs. Mary Lynn Young
Chasity Alford
Rolando Ashley
Lee Baggett
Shawn Bates
Scott Carter

Kendra Clifton
Kristy Collier
Travis Dauer
Ross Edwards
Thyran Gumm

Charles Harris
Tracey Howard
Tracie Keener
Chad Lang
Caleb Lindsey
Brenda Loften
Carlos Madden

Crystal McCann
Kimberly Moore
Qualisa Moore
Carrie Muse
Albert Scarlett
Damien Smith
Latasha Thomas

Matthew Thornton
Michael Uzzle
Christopher Webb
Amanda Woodard
Melissa Woodard

On Your Mark-Get Set . . .

LEARN!!

Academic Races Make Learning Fun

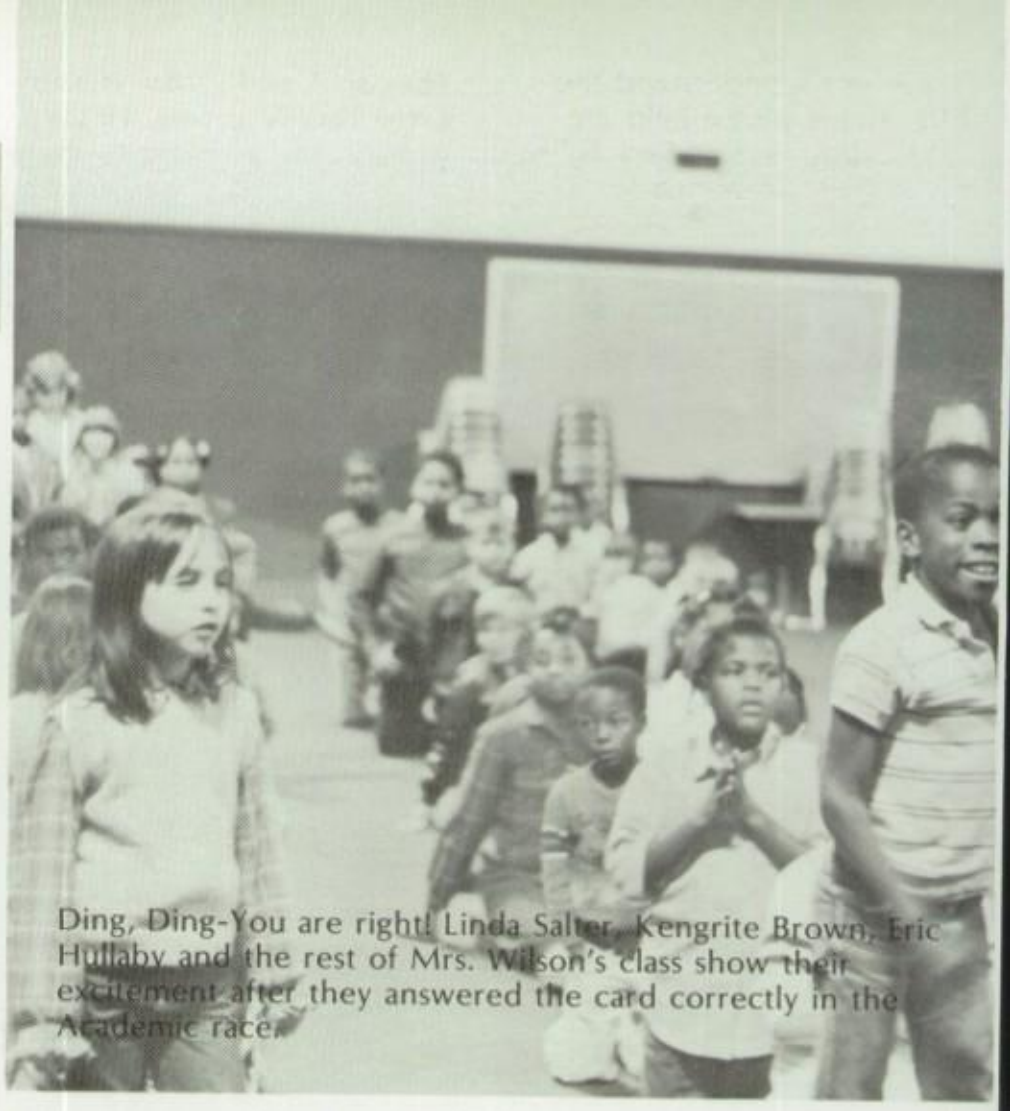
2x3, 6x7, 9x4 . . . Multiplication Tables! How do we teach the students a fun way to learn them? This is the question many teachers have been asking themselves. This year they are having races — ACADEMIC RACES!

The object is to answer the problem on the flash card before the other team or class does. Each person has a chance to try. Whoever answers the problem correctly wins points for their team. The points are tallied and the class with the most-wins.

"I have to do a lot of studying," said Linda Salter. Just like athletic races you have to prepare, warm-up, and work extra hard to win.

Some people may wonder if this helps the students with their times tables. Mrs. Wilson seems to think it does, "They study hard because they like to win, they like the competition!"

The students enjoy having these races because they are learning their multiplication tables and at the same time having fun.



Ding, Ding-You are right! Linda Salter, Kengrite Brown, Eric Hullaby and the rest of Mrs. Wilson's class show their excitement after they answered the card correctly in the Academic race.

Arthur Alford
Joseph Barmore
Jonathan Boyet
Kengrite Brown
Laketra Brown
Mrs. Betty Wilson

Katrina Collins
Petrina Collins
Carlton Cooper
Willie Davis
Mario Hardman

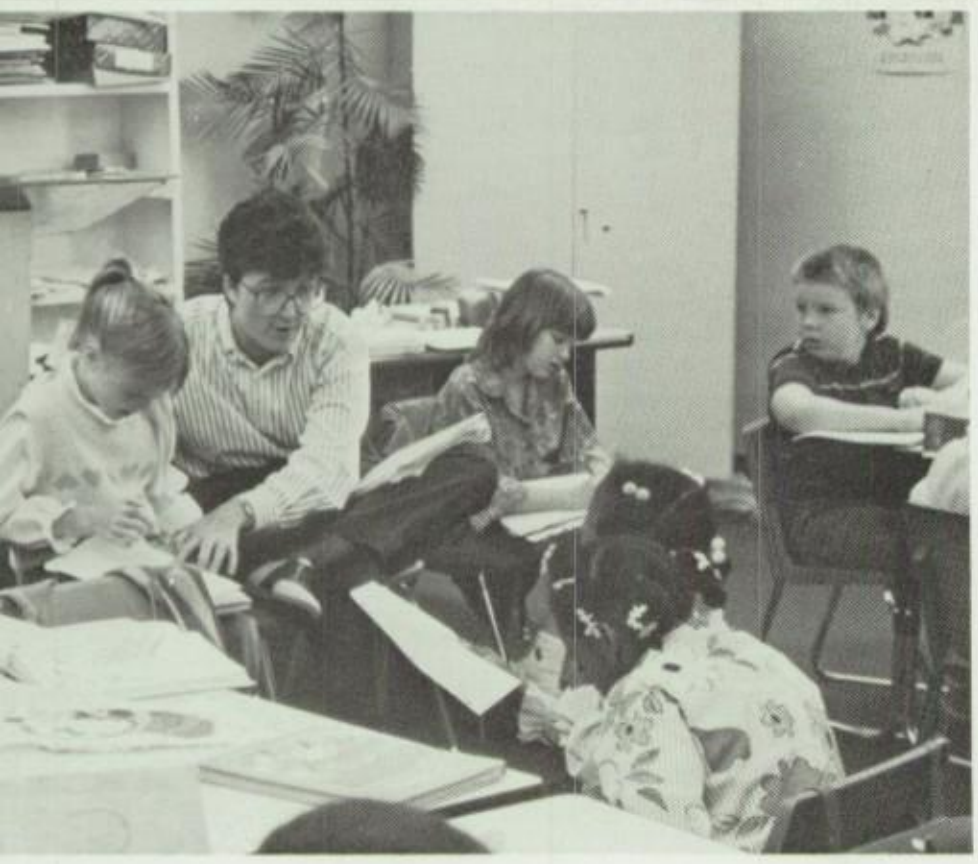
Charles Houghton
Eric Hullaby
Dana Jackson
Ahmad Manning
Mollie Mathews
Billy Mills
Ronnie Mingo

Bitah Moore
Jennifer Moore
Kristina Moore
Linda Salter

Oudra Stewart
Lashunda Tellis
Tony Thomas
Jimmy Woodard

21,22 — gosh-I know this one! Which one will it be? Will Arthur Alford or Melissa Hendrick make the right choice and win points for their team?

"I just don't understand this-Mrs. Tingle please help me." "O.K. class, listen." Sara Tullis, Kriste Bass, Roshunda Sheppard, and Felicia Hullaby listen closely as Mrs. Tingle explains the problem to them.



Eighteen Or Eight, You're NEVER TOO YOUNG

"I think I'm old enough to get married . . . " Is this a Senior, a Junior or even a Sophomore speaking? Would you believe a third grade student, Courtney Hamilton?!

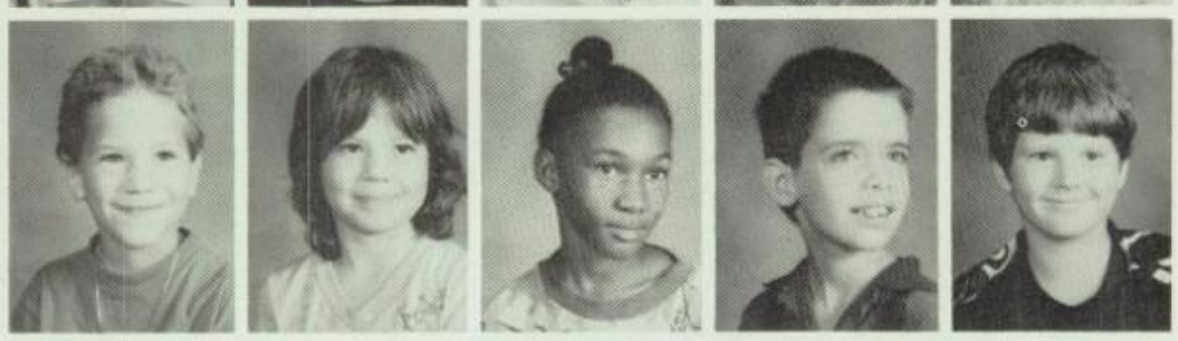
Mrs. Tingle's third grade class was asked if they thought they were old enough to be in love and they responded with a definite YES!!

"I think I'm old enough to be in love because that's what its all about . . . " explained Billy Jack Lafield. They believe that there is no age limit on love. "I've been in love for two years," said Kriste Bass. This means she has been in love since the first grade! Roshunda Sheppard said, "being in love is special."

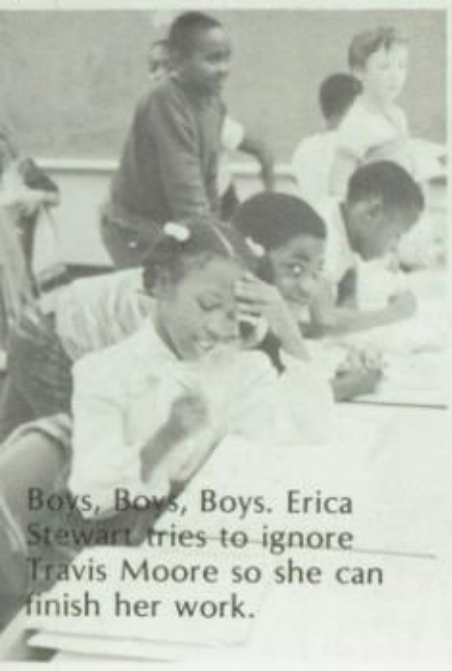
The kids in this class are proof that you are never too young to be in love.

Mrs. Stephanie Tingle
Kriste Bass
Lakeyshia Brown
Willie Brown
Laura Cook
Bridget Dunfy

Amy Fory
Germaine Glover
Willie Glover
Courtney Hamilton
Melissa Hendrick



Felicia Hullaby
Shelton Iverson
Billy Lafield
Bridget Lee
Shemeklia Love
Gershon McLemore
Christopher McWilliams



Boys, Boys, Boys. Erica Stewart tries to ignore Travis Moore so she can finish her work.

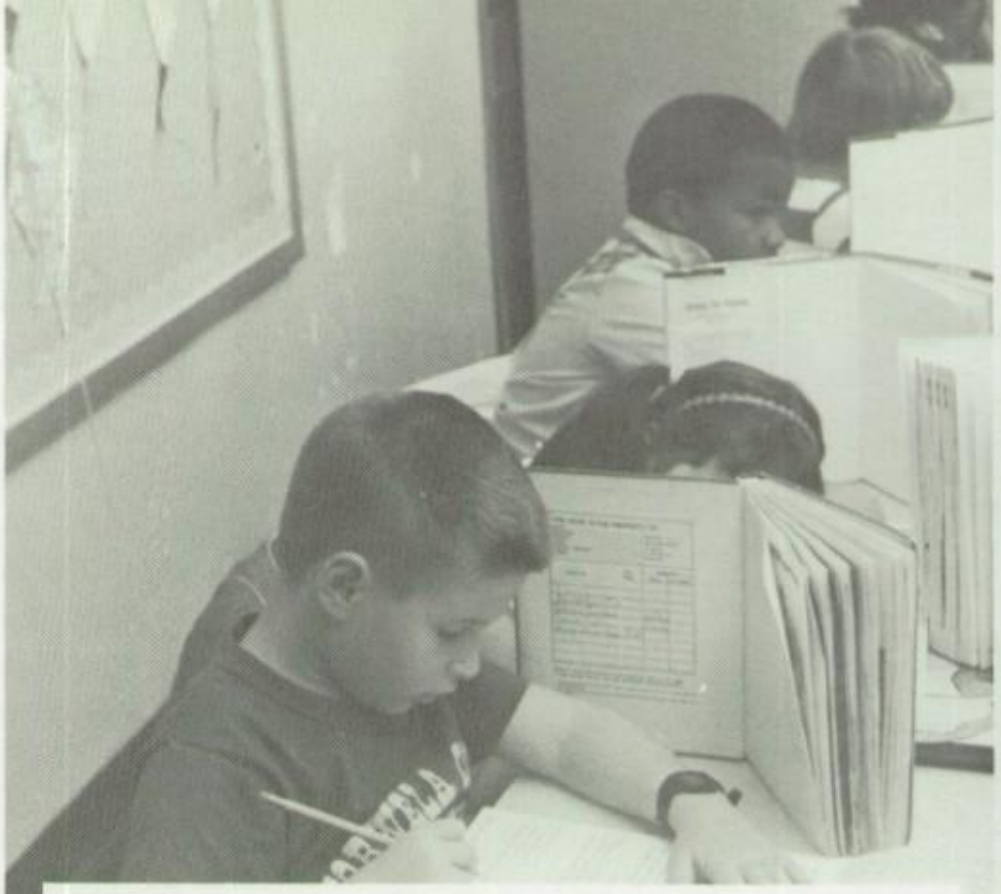
Travis Moore
Jamale Owens
Michael Roberson
Valarie Roberson
Roderick Savage

Roshunda Sheppard
Renee Stevenson
Erika Stewart
Jacob Tipton
Sarah Tullis

Math, Yuck!?!

Difficult and confusing are a couple of words used to describe thoughts of second grader Lie Woodall on the subject of math. She said "Math is sometimes very hard, but my parents keep telling me that I will need it later in life." "Math is a really hard subject, especially while students are struggling to learn to borrow and carry," said Ms. Johnson, second grade teacher.

While the students would rather be doing cherry drops, playing basketball or kickball, they have to spend extra time in class doing the more challenging math problems of second grade. Kimberly Jenkins said "To some people, math is fun, but to me, it seems like being grounded." Another activity that students are not too fond of is writing lines for punish work. Joshua Cook said, "If we don't finish our work or if we talk and play in the cafeteria we have to write lines." Writing lines also means missing out on canteen break. Buying Cokes and eating Nutty Buddies, Lily Bogan's favorite, would be lots more fun than writing lines anytime.



With their privacy under control, second graders Micheal Bogan, Tonya Averitt, and Bobby Loften work on their math exercises for the day.

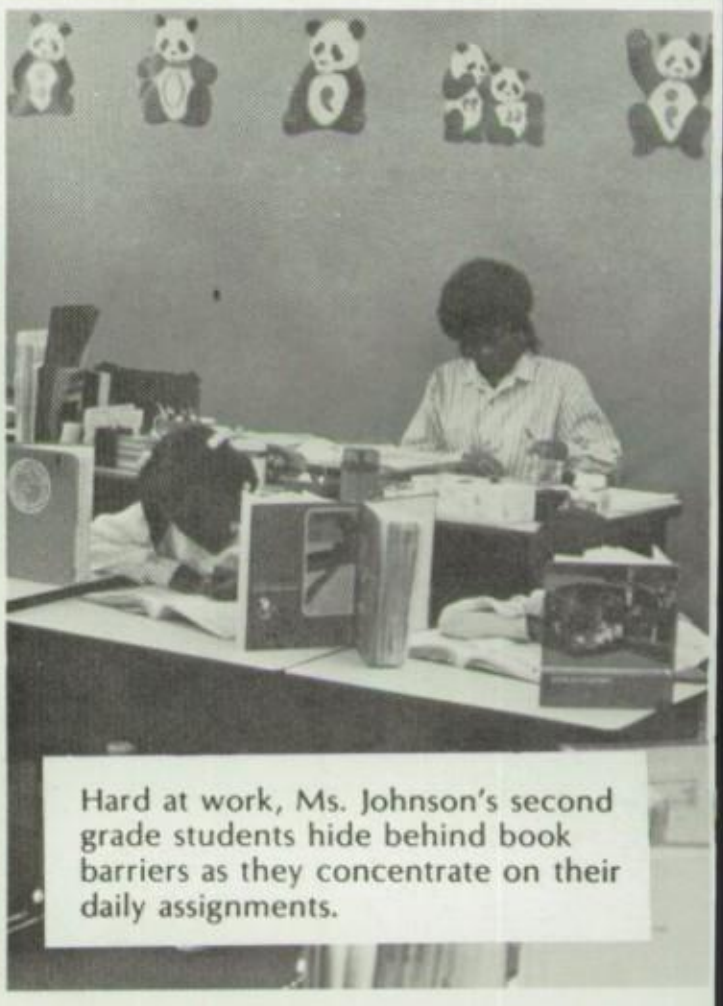
Ali Alford
Tonyo Averitt
Micheal Bogan
Lillie Bolyer
Detrick Brown
Ms. Debra Johnson

Mulonda Collins
Joshua Cook
LaDarron Cooper
Jocelyn Cunningham
Renee Edwards

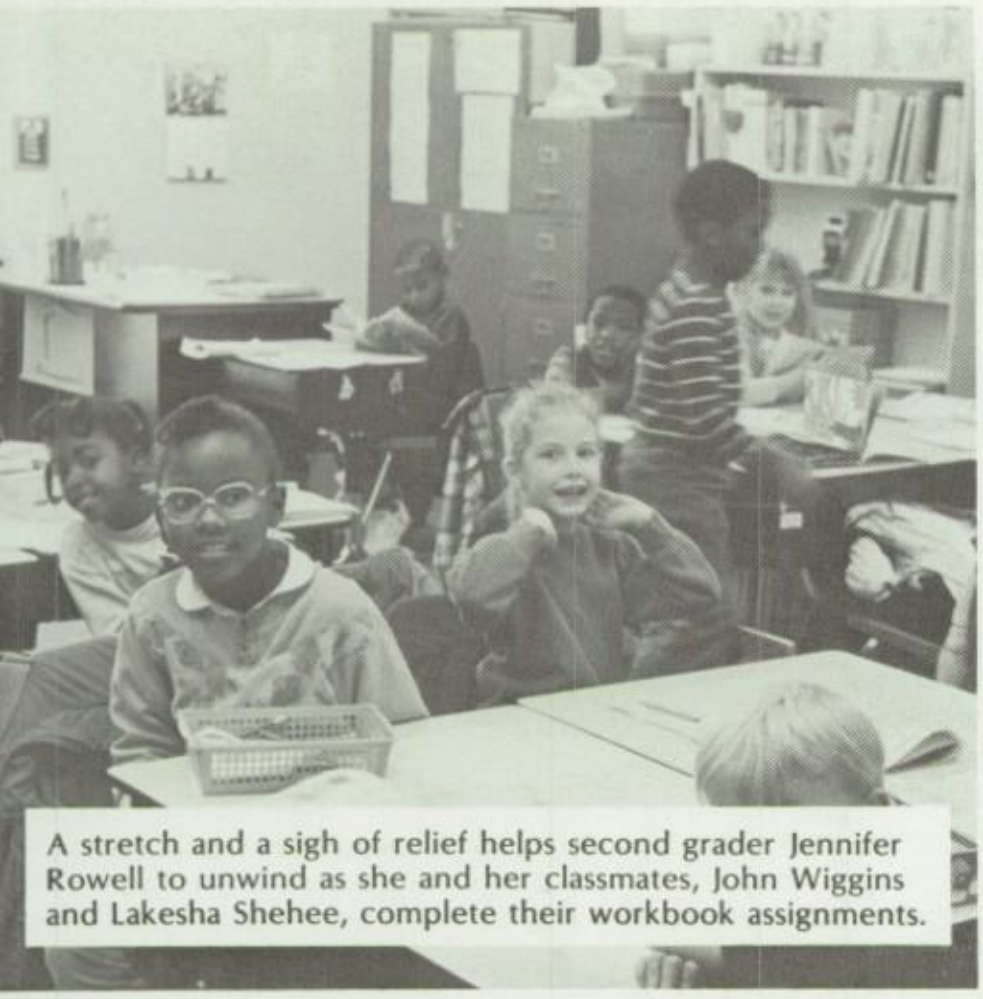
Kimberly Jenkins
Christopher Knox
Bobby Lofton
Rachel Monroe

Kenyatta Parker
Danny Reliford
Cecilia Sanders
LaJohnna Shepherd

Shendeka Williams
Elizabeth Woodall



Hard at work, Ms. Johnson's second grade students hide behind book barriers as they concentrate on their daily assignments.



A stretch and a sigh of relief helps second grader Jennifer Rowell to unwind as she and her classmates, John Wiggins and Lakesha Shehee, complete their workbook assignments.

Graceful Curves

The key to learning cursive writing, as students in Mrs, Hill's second grade class have learned, is the ability to make neat, graceful curves. Stephanie Lindsey says, "You have to get your letters and stuff straight." Derek Hutchins commented that cursive hand writing was much harder than printing, and several of his classmates agreed. Some students find it very interesting to learn cursive handwriting. Sonja Parks says, "I love to write in cursive. I think it looks much neater." Melanie Grigsby added, "It's almost like drawing." Even though some students found the work difficult, their teacher seemed to have a lot of confidence in their abilities.

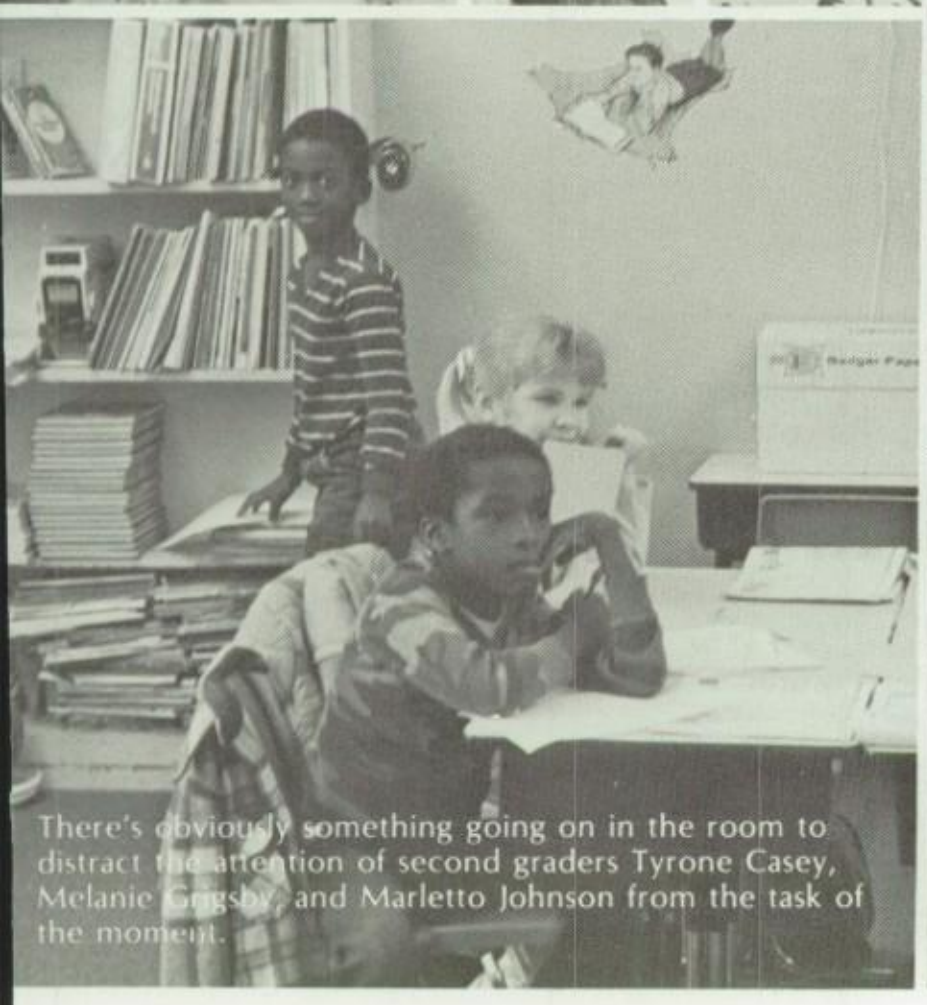
Mrs. Tammy Hill
Tyrone Casey
LaRhonda Cosby
Aimie Daniel
Melanie Grigsby
Derek Hutchins

Marletto Johnson
Beverly Lee
Stephanie Lindsey
Ronnie Lofton
John McKay

Latasha Moore
Sonja Parks
Tonja Parks

Jennifer Rowell
Lakesha Shehee
Tyronica Taylor

Natalie Tucker
Deanna Wiggins
John Wiggins



There's obviously something going on in the room to distract the attention of second graders Tyrone Casey, Melanie Grigsby, and Marletto Johnson from the task of the moment.

Look Out Music Lovers

Here They Come!

Now presenting the 1987-88 second grade twenty piece orchestra! As their 1988 Science Fair project, each student in Mrs. Wyatt's second grade class created their very own musical instrument as part of their study of sound.

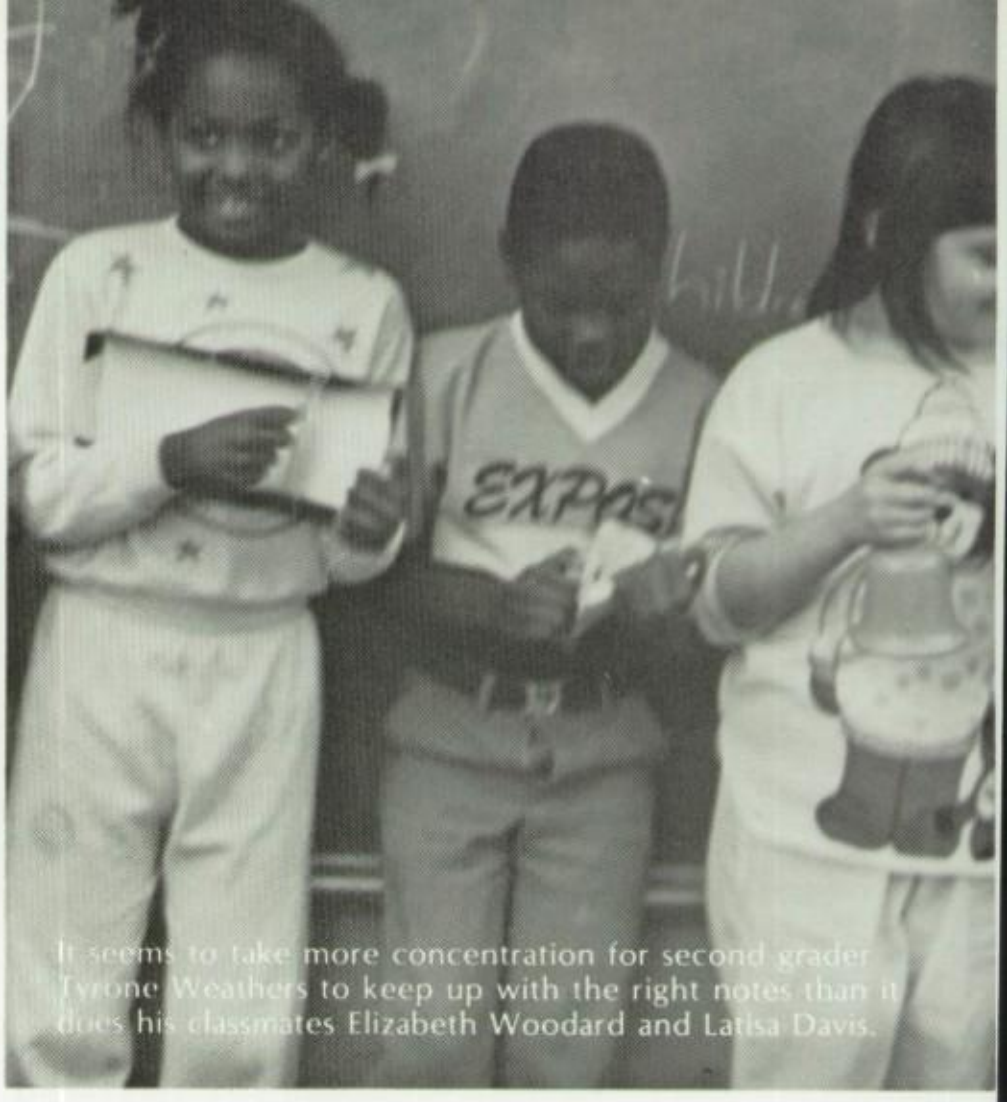
"The children are so excited about their instruments. I couldn't believe how creative they are." said Mrs. Wyatt.

With future fame and fortune on their minds, these young people were ready and willing to show off their musical talents to anyone who would stop and listen. Playing music was fun for most of the class and they didn't really consider it as work, but they actually were learning about different types of sound in the process.

"I really like playing music. I can't wait to get in high school so I can play in the marching band." said Letisa Davis.

Yes, Ringgold High School has lots to look forward to. These students are excited and anxious to become part of the musical world.

So, look out music lovers, here they come!



It seems to take more concentration for second grader Tyrone Weathers to keep up with the right notes than it does his classmates Elizabeth Woodard and Latisa Davis.

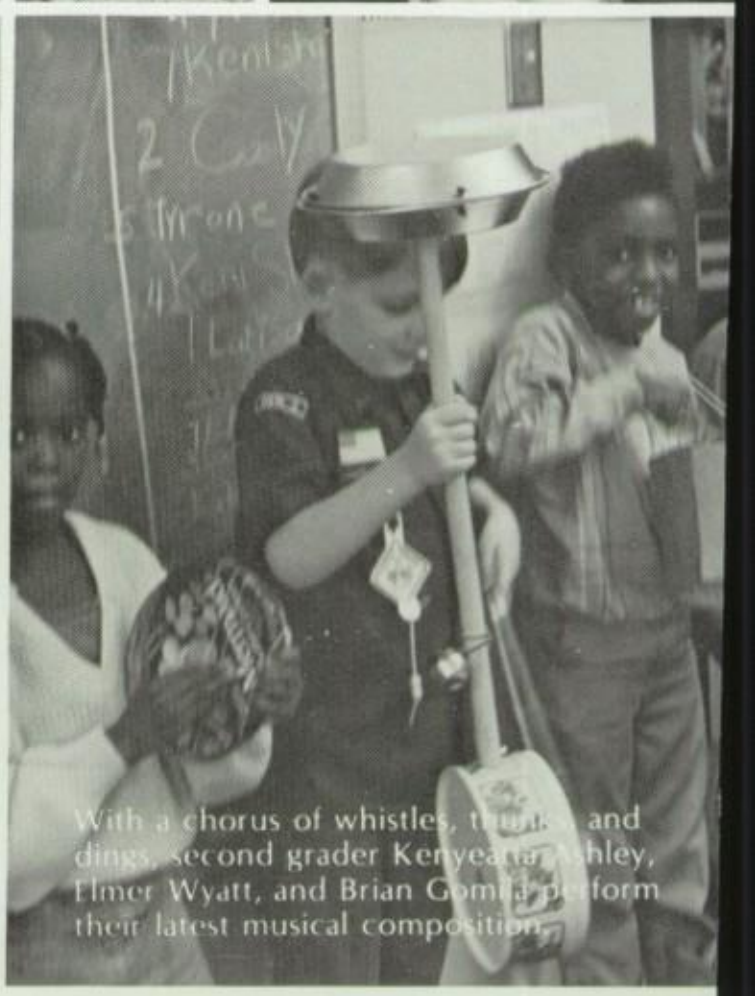
Kenyeatta Ashley
Charity Boston
Beth Boyett
Jonathon Brack
Charlette Cook
Mrs. Lula Wyatt

Latisa Davis
Latesha Golatt
Brian Gomila
Crystal Griffith
Cody Harrison

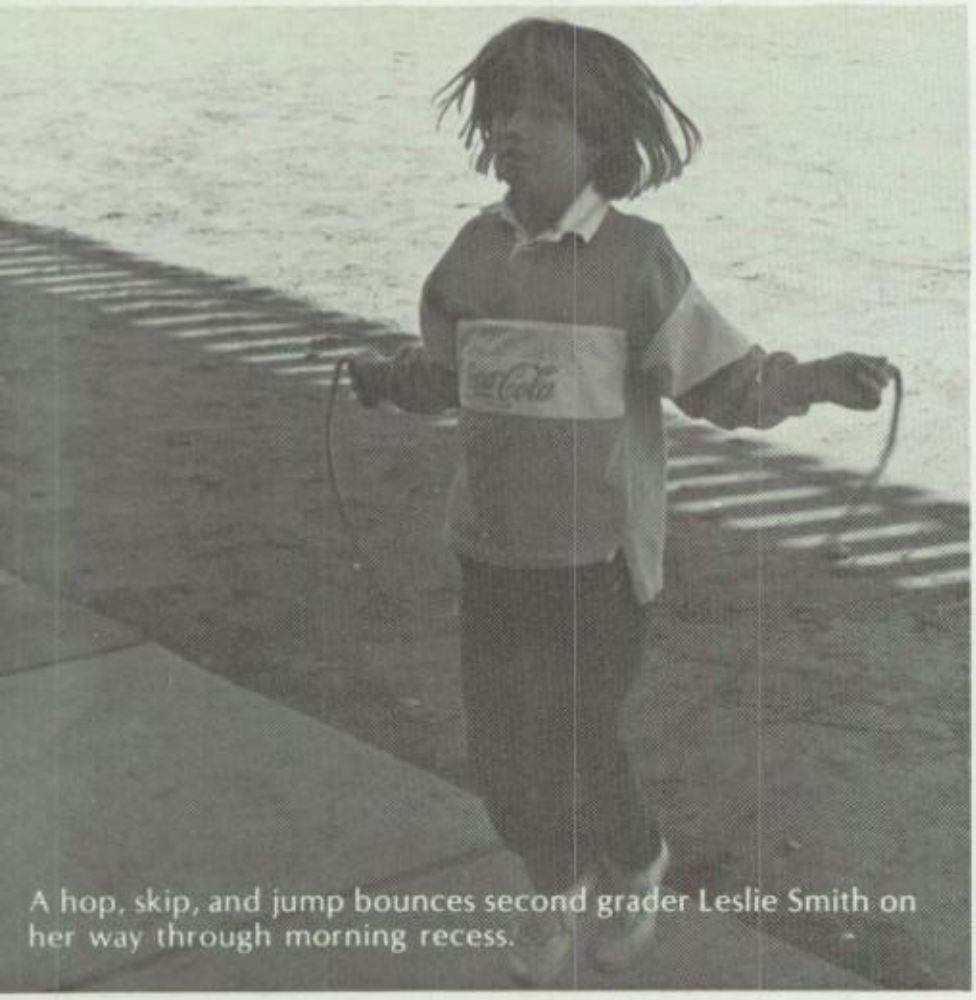
Felisia Jeter
Chinere King
Matt Maris
Conesha Mayfield

Dionza Mills
Allen Salter
A.D. Taylor
Tyron Weathers

Elizabeth Woodard
Elmer Wyatt



With a chorus of whistles, triangles and dings, second grader Kenyeatta Ashley, Elmer Wyatt, and Brian Gomila perform their latest musical composition.



A hop, skip, and jump bounces second grader Leslie Smith on her way through morning recess.

Project Trees

Trees, rings, and leaves. What an exciting project for curious and exploring kids! Mrs. Willis' children thought of this fun idea for the 1988 Science Fair.

"It's really neat to learn about trees and have fun all at the same time." said Leslie Bussey.

As part of this assignment, students were required to write reports about the seasonal developments of trees. All students participated and helped with the exhibit.

"We worked hard and I think we should win." said John Morgan.

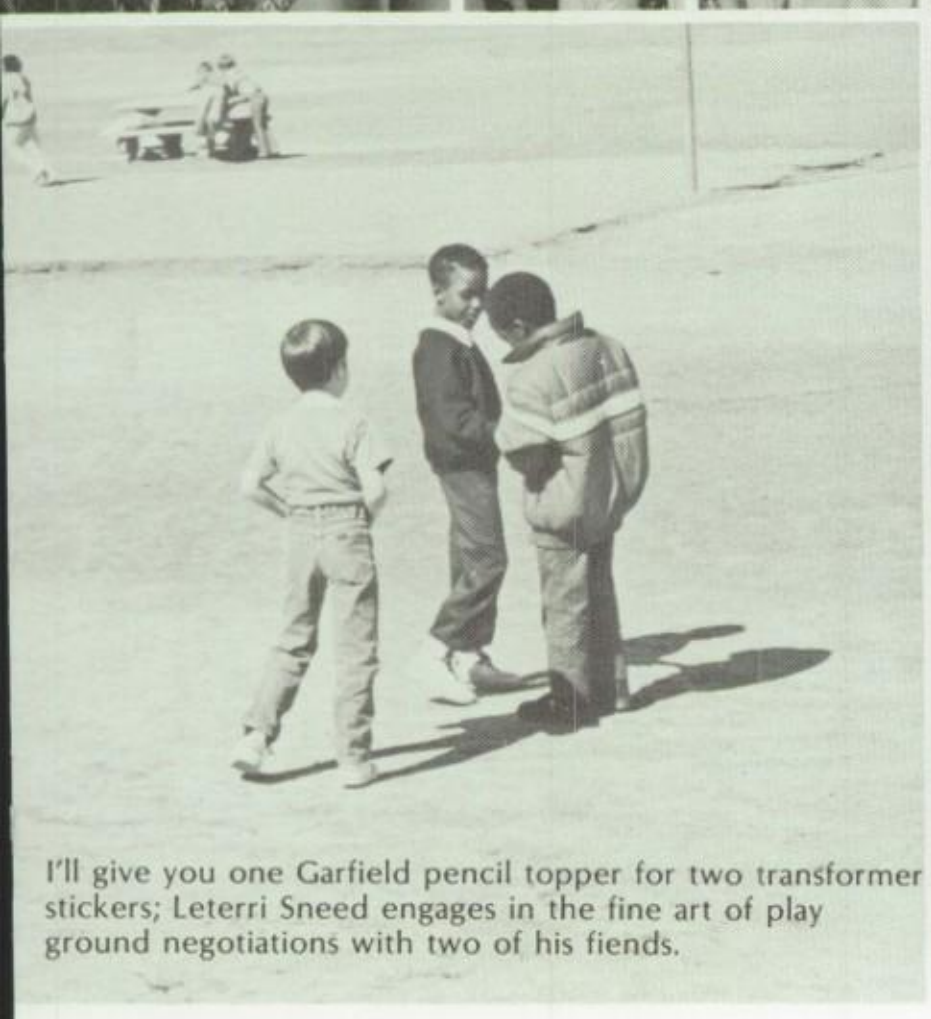
"I think it's the best project we've ever done." said Laterri Sneed confidently.

After all their hard work, the class enjoyed seeing their project set up as an exhibit.

This year's topic was an easy one because everyone in the classroom already knew a lot about trees. They soon found out, however, that there was still much more to learn. The students were taught such things as how to figure out how old a tree is and which trees have leaves all year round. The students enjoyed this project and also learned that they should never take trees for granted.

Mrs. Evelyn Willis
Leslie Bussey
Kayus Cole
Joshua Danzy
Robert Gumm
Lashonda Howard

Charla Long
Chanequal Manning
Ambra Manshack
Amelia Mingo
Lujuan Moore



I'll give you one Garfield pencil topper for two transformer stickers; Leterri Sneed engages in the fine art of play ground negotiations with two of his fiends.

John Morgan
Mario Owens
Amanda Plunkett

Luke Richardson
Leslie Smith
Laterri Sneed

Mieasha Stafford
Micheal Velchoff
Joshua Whitehead

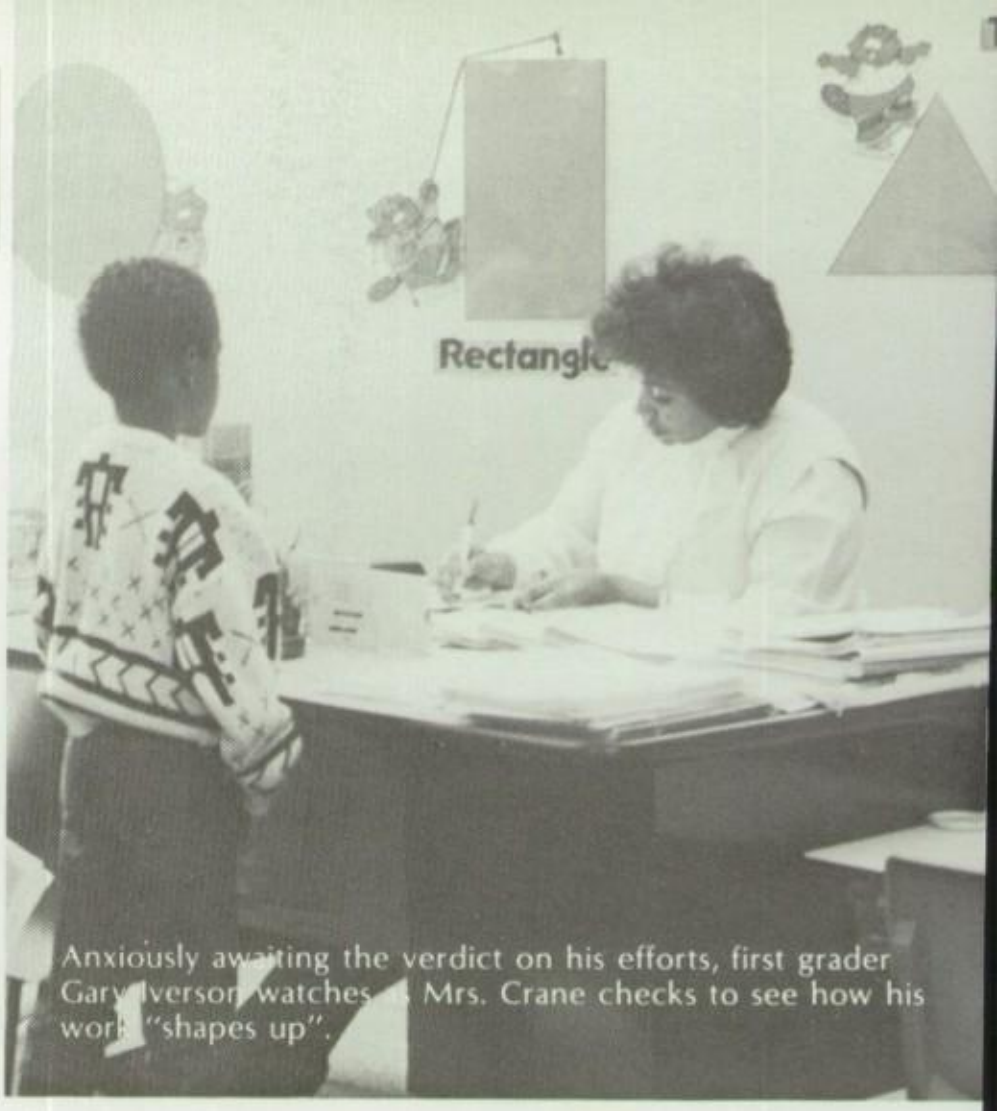
A "Bite" Of Science

Dental Health month came around the same time as the Science Fair this year so Mrs. Crane's first grade class decided to combine both activities by using dental health as their science project.

The class titled their project "The Importance of Teeth." Mrs. Crane felt that students would benefit from the experience of learning how a science project should be done, and from learning to take care of their teeth all at one time.

Doyle Young said he learned he should brush his teeth after every meal. Michelle Rushing commented that she learned eating healthy foods also helped you have healthy teeth. Carlos Thomas stated "If you don't take care of your teeth they will rot out."

Mrs. Crane feels the science project was a big success because it helped students realize the importance of teeth.

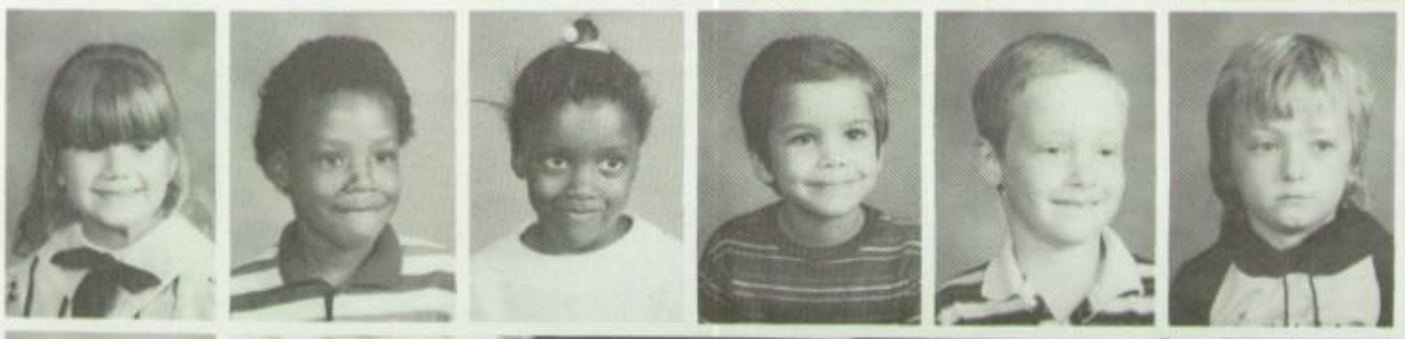


Anxiously awaiting the verdict on his efforts, first grader Gary Iverson watches as Mrs. Crane checks to see how his work "shapes up".

Alfred Babineaux
Sherry Barett
Derrick Frazier
Conesha Golatt
Tommy Harris
Mrs. Carolyn Crane

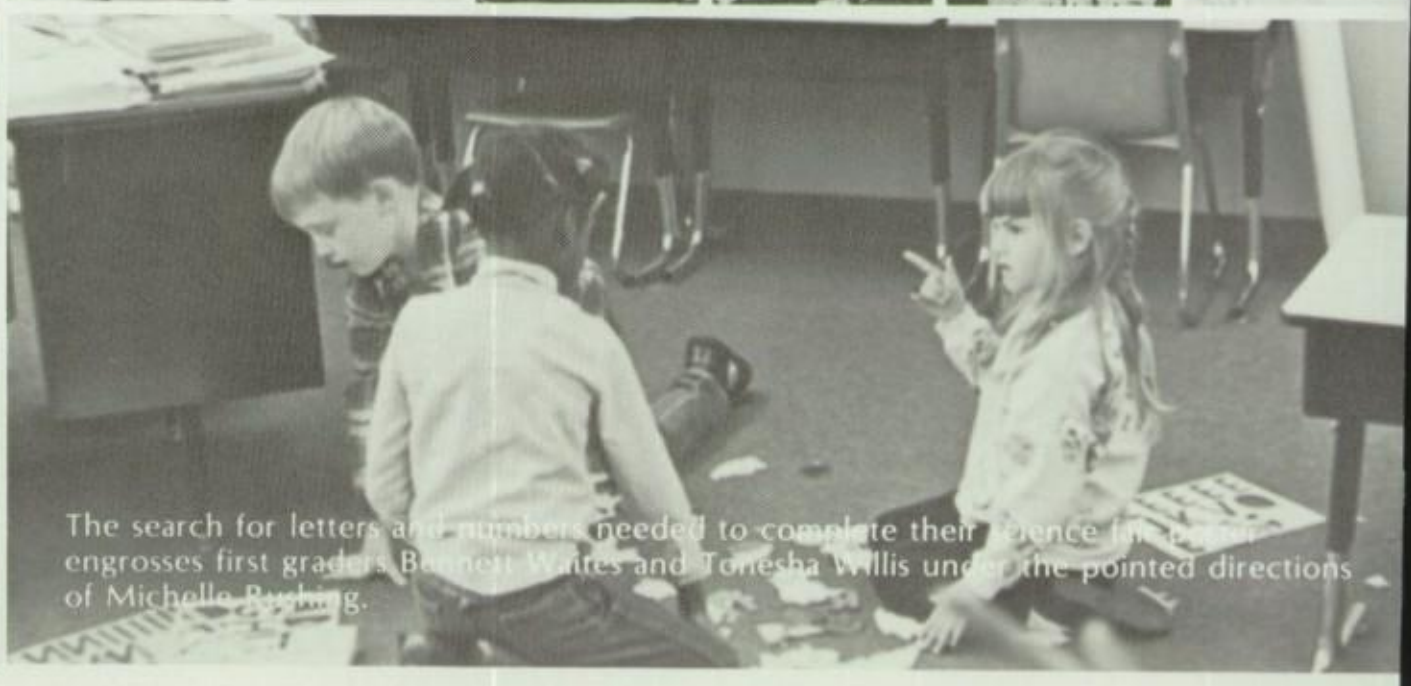
Martino Hill
Gary Iverson
Cortez Jordan
Haylez Procell
Chadick Ruffin

Michelle Rushing
Carlos Thomas
Katecia Thomas
Samuel Tipton
Willian Waites
Eric Waterman
Tanika Williams



Toneshia Willis

Doyle Young
Not Pictured:
Carlos West



The search for letters and numbers needed to complete their science fair project engrosses first graders Bennett Waites and Toneshia Willis under the pointed directions of Michelle Rushing.

Delayed By Twins

It's pencil gnawing time for first grader Kenny Brown as he labors over the possibilities on his math worksheet.

Mrs. Harrison's first grade class was taught by Mrs. Penton first semester, so that Mrs. Harrison could spend time with her new twin girls. When Mrs. Harrison returned the second semester she and her students were busy getting acquainted with each other.

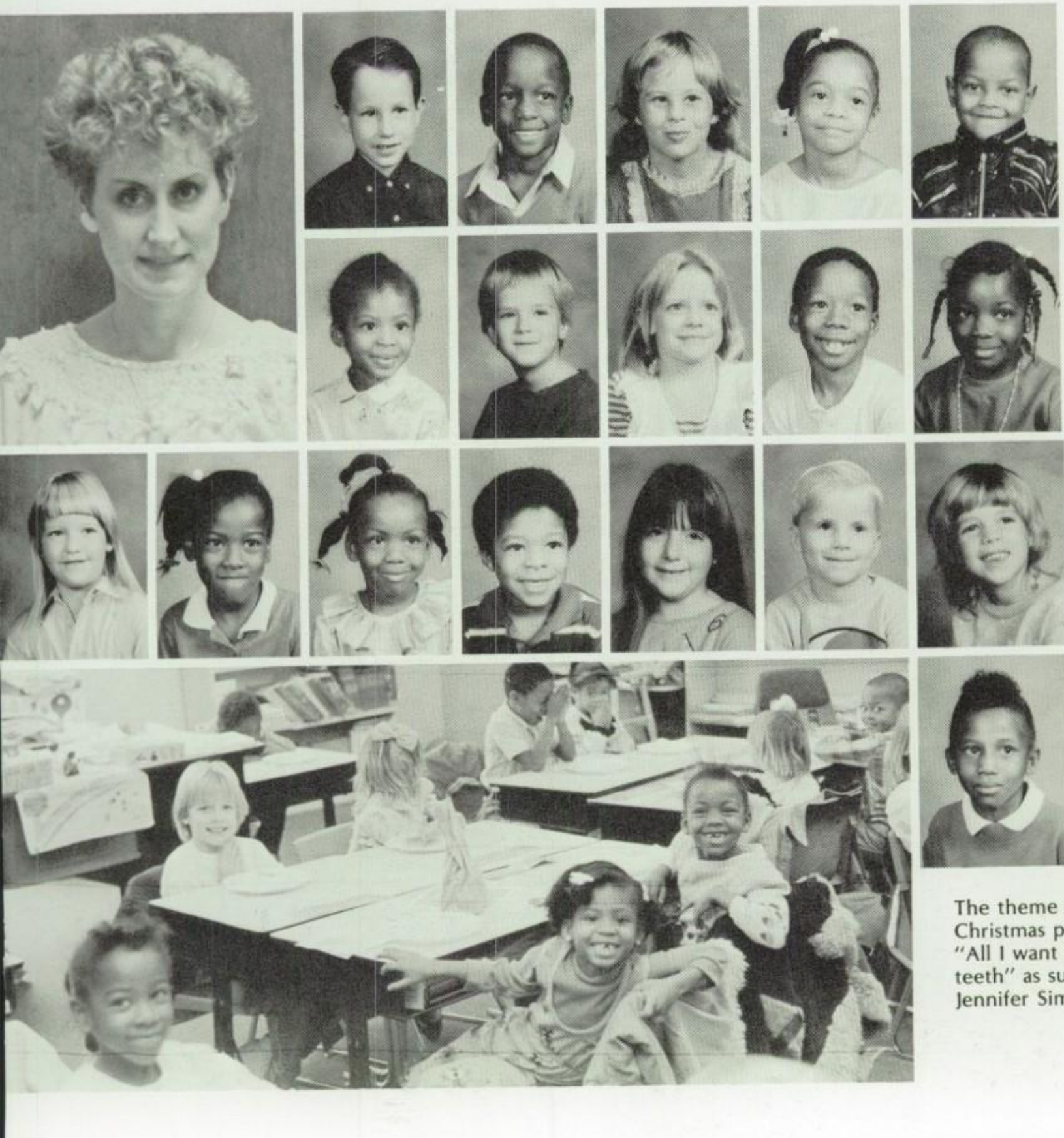
In language the students learned about short and long vowel, clusters, contractions, and recognizing sentences. When students weren't occupied with language they worked with rhymning words and consonant sounds. Jessica Woodard said she enjoyed making consonant sounds the most.

Mrs. Harrison's students spent time in math learning to count money and tell time. Amy Wood and Jennifer Reeder said they liked counting money the best. Raquel Woods said she liked telling time better because it was easier.

In science the class discussed the five senses and how to use them in our world. Reshawn Warren stated he enjoys the sense of taste the most.

In social living the class learned about different kinds of workers and how they help us. Joy Donche said she wanted to work in a telephone shop as an operator so people could call her if they had a fire and she could get the fire department.

Mrs. Harrison's first grade class had a full year of learning and fun. The class looks forward to the second grade with confidence.



Mrs. Andrea Harrison
Scott Adcock
Kenny Brown
Melinda Cherry
Simico Cook
Christopher George

Dichelle Knox
Michael McEachern
Kandy Mitchell
Deshunski Moore
Alympia Rasco

Jennifer Reeder
Ashanti Shehee
Jennifer Sims
Labroderick Thomas
Amy Ward
Jeremy Wiggins
Jessica Woodard

Raquel Woods
Not Pictured:
Joylynn Donche
Julian Stone

The theme song for this year's first grade Christmas party could easily have been "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth" as sung by Dichelle Knox and Jennifer Sims.

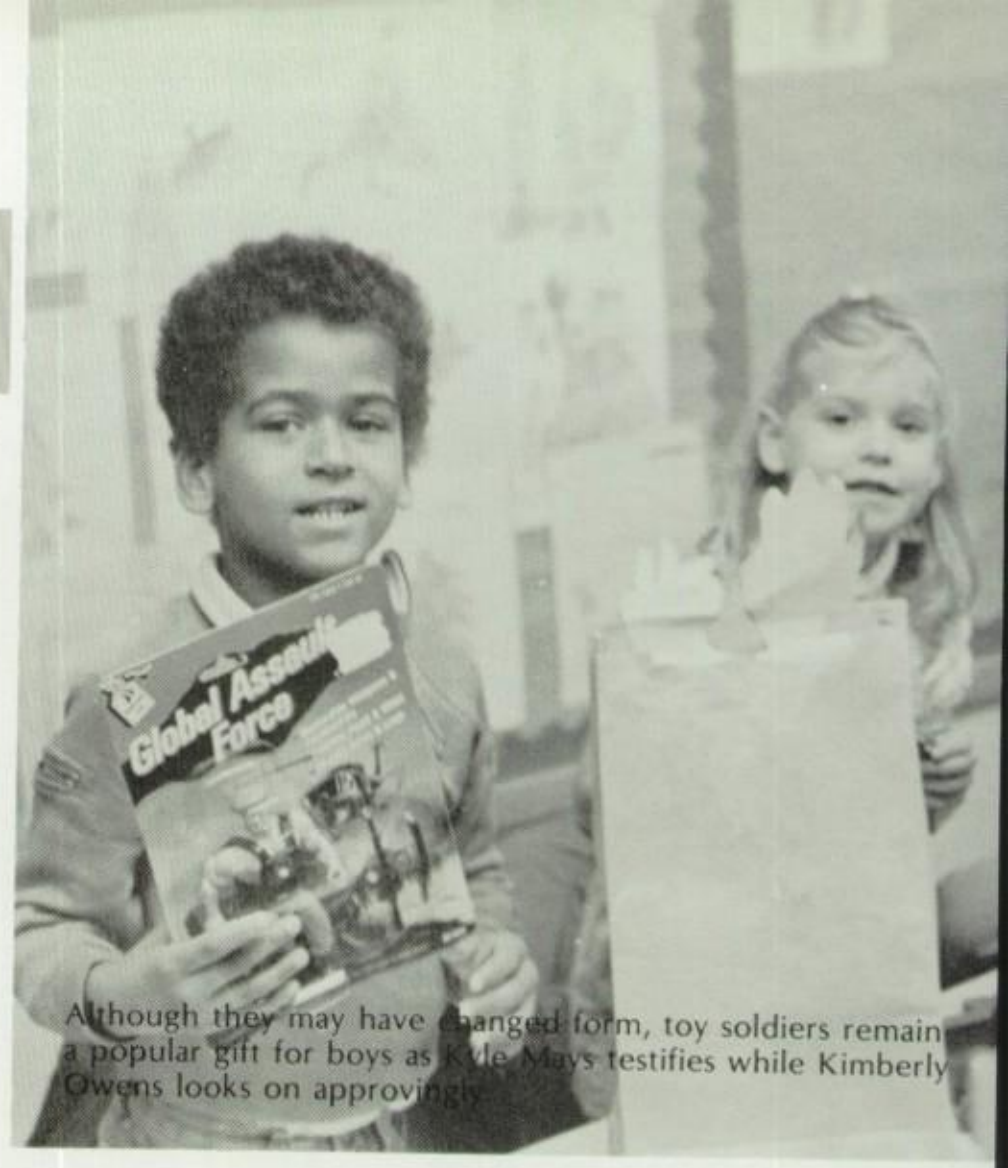
Jumping Rope

Time and money were very much on the minds of Mrs. Self's first grade class this year as they worked hard to complete their math program. The students enjoyed lessons on counting change and telling time, but both took second place to jumping rope.

When the students where asked what they enjoyed most about this year, Kyle Mays said "I like our science project on salt because it was neat watching it dissolve."

Angela Griffith stated "I think it is important to count money because when you get big and go to a store you need to know how much money to give them."

Mrs. Self's class had a successful year of learning. Her students feel they are well prepared for the second grade.



Although they may have changed form, toy soldiers remain a popular gift for boys as Kyle Mays testifies while Kimberly Owens looks on approvingly.

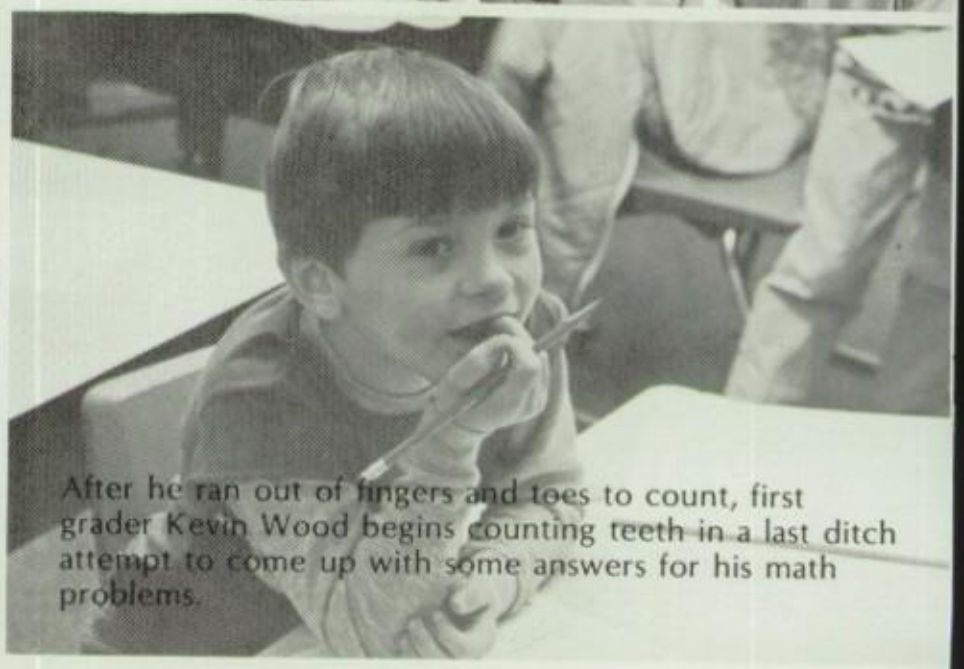
Kimberly Bates
Shea Bates
Forrest Bolin
Lemease Cook
Sarah Dauer
Mrs. Janelle Self

Angela Griffin
Kimberly Hilton
Andrea Kidd
Jonathan Kirkham
Joshua Lloyd

Lamonica Love
Shannon Maloney
Kyle Mays
Kimberly Owens
Kristin Pietsch
Jessica Saucier
Becky Smith

Britt Walsh
Eary Watson
Robert Watts

Susan Webb
Kevin Woods



After he ran out of fingers and toes to count, first grader Kevin Wood begins counting teeth in a last ditch attempt to come up with some answers for his math problems.

There may be other students between them, but for first grader Michael Keiss it's strictly a one-on-one encounter with Mrs. Webb.

Big Tails, Big Teeth Make

Busy Beavers

Mrs. Webb's first grade class spent the year studying a furry animal, and they picked a very unusual animal for their project. Not a cute little rabbit or a squirrel but a beaver.

The kids learned how beavers build dams and lodges. Brock Feeheley said that he was amazed by the way they get sticks and mud and put them together.

Nicolas Kindley and Jeremy McWilliams brought small branches to class so they could see how a beaver eats the bark. Diana Crochet said the cuts on the branches proved that beavers have sharp teeth.

Cami Mann, Stacie Lang, Constance Griffith, and Nicolas Kindley also brought books with pictures of beavers swimming, playing, and eating. Jonathan Cordal said he thought the beavers were ugly.

Mrs. Webb's class learned a lot from beavers and enjoyed their study of them. Michael Keiss said his favorite activity was writing stories about the beavers.

All the students agreed that beavers are not as boring as they thought and when they were older and looked back on their first grade class they would always remember their study of beavers.

Mrs. Patsy Webb
Kishanda Allums
Thomas Babineauxz
David Barmore
Carl Coleman
Diana Crochet

Jonathan Davis
Cantice Dickey
Brock Feeheley
Constance Griffith
Kelly Gros

Michael Keiss
Nicholas Kindley
Stacie Lang
Cami Mann
Jeremy McWilliams
Brandon Rowell
Devery Smith

Miranda Wood
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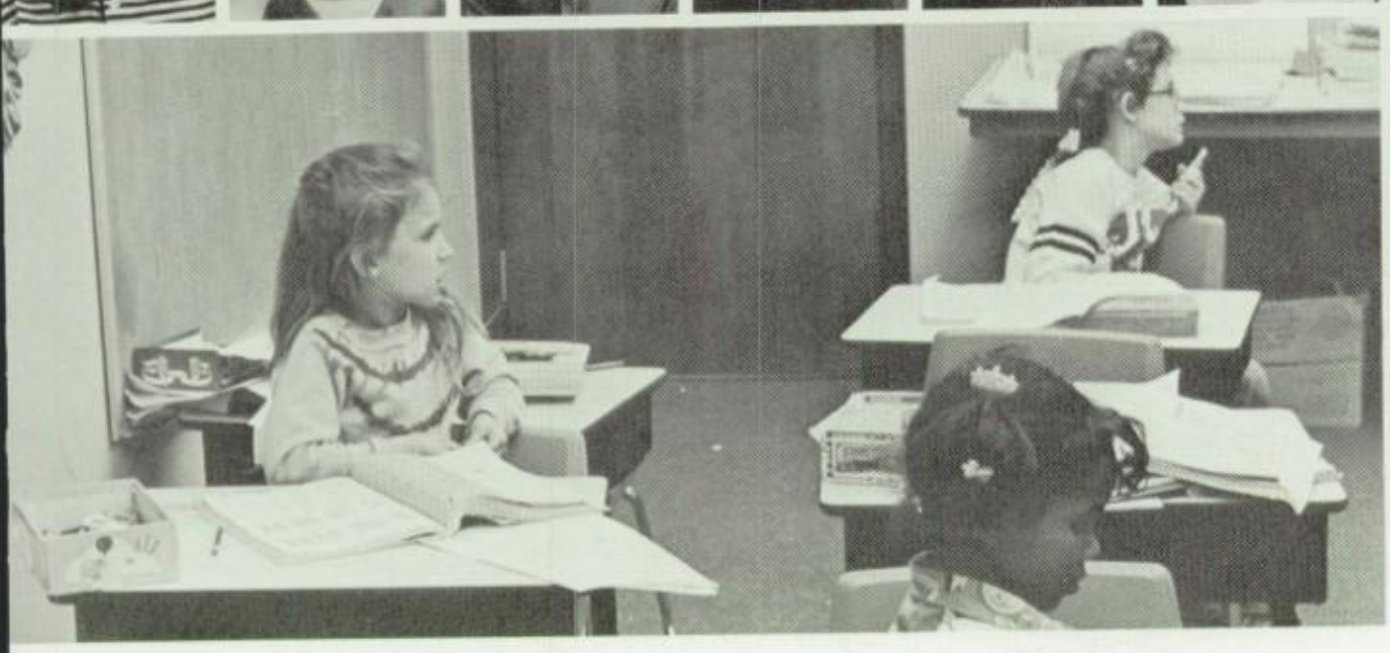
Tykisha Arrington



The order must have been "eyes-right!" for first graders Kelly Gros and Mandy Wood as they turn their attention away from their math workbooks for additional instructions.

For most kindergarden students recess is the highlight of the day and Tabatha Owens enjoys it to the fullest as she climbs all over the monkey bars.

NAP TIME . . . . . .

Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep.

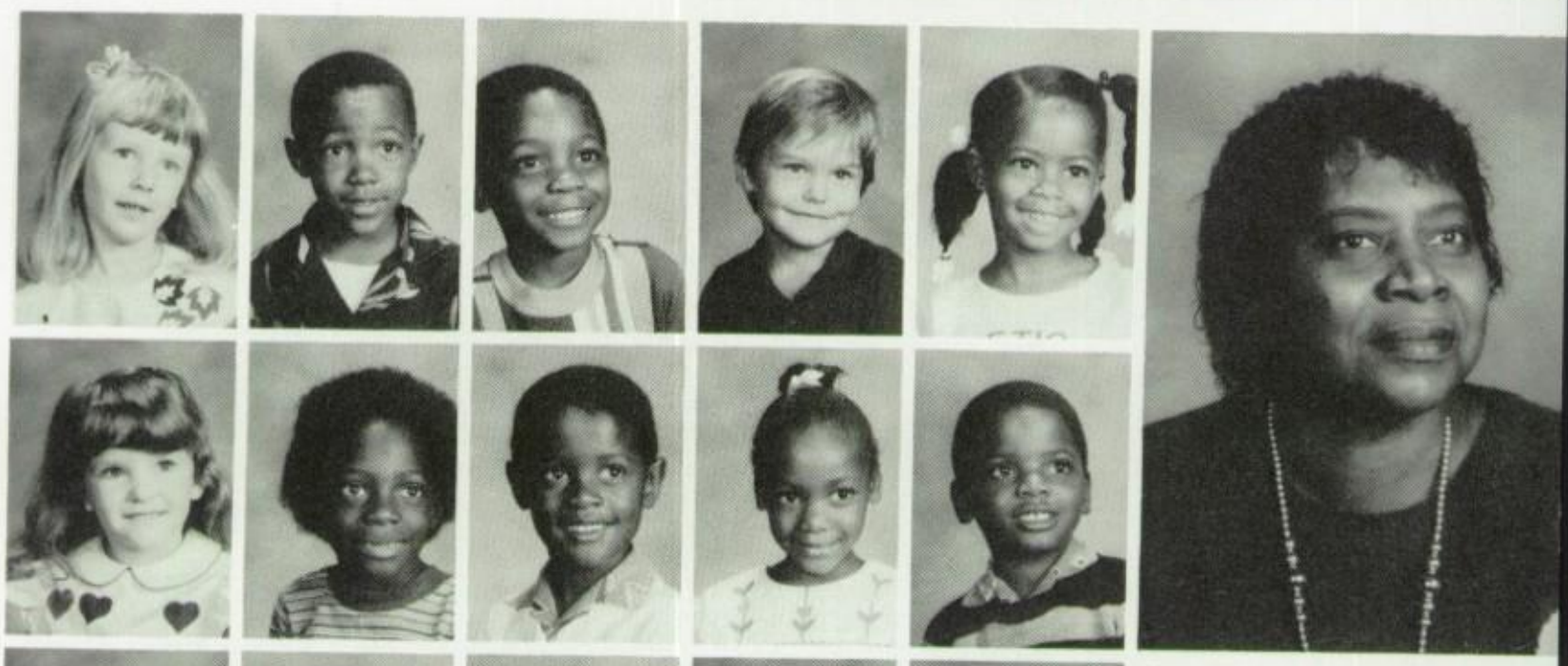
The lights are off and you don't hear a word. It is so quiet you could hear a pin drop. What part of the day could this be describing in a normal kindergarten class? Nap time of course!

When most children enter kindergarten they are not used to getting up early so they can be at school on time, and many are in the habit of having an afternoon nap. Combined with these, a whole day of activities can be very tiring. In order not to overwork or overtire students, kindergarten classes have a nap time every day.

Even though nap time was developed mainly to allow students to rest it also serves many other purposes. Mrs. Lewis said, "It gives me time to get afternoon activities ready for the students." She also said that it was a good time to help a student who was behind to catch up.

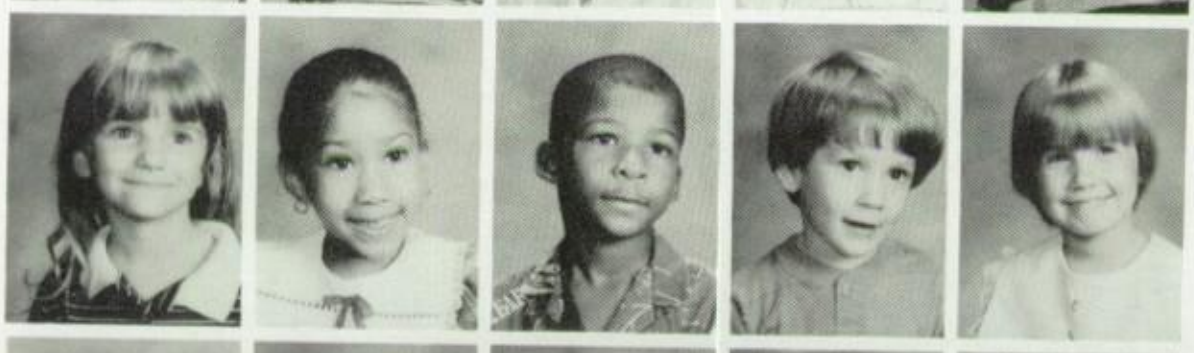
The kids don't like nap time much but when the light comes back on they wake up ready to face the rest of the day with renewed energy.

Ginger Boyet
Derrick Bradley
Anton Callaway
Joseph Clifton
Keshani Cook
Mrs. Karrie Lewis



Jessica Davis
Melvin Ensley
Andrae Golatt
Sabrina Golatt
Shundrae Golatt

Nancy Lee
Conemia Loudd
Lavario Love
Daniel Nelson
Tabitha Owens

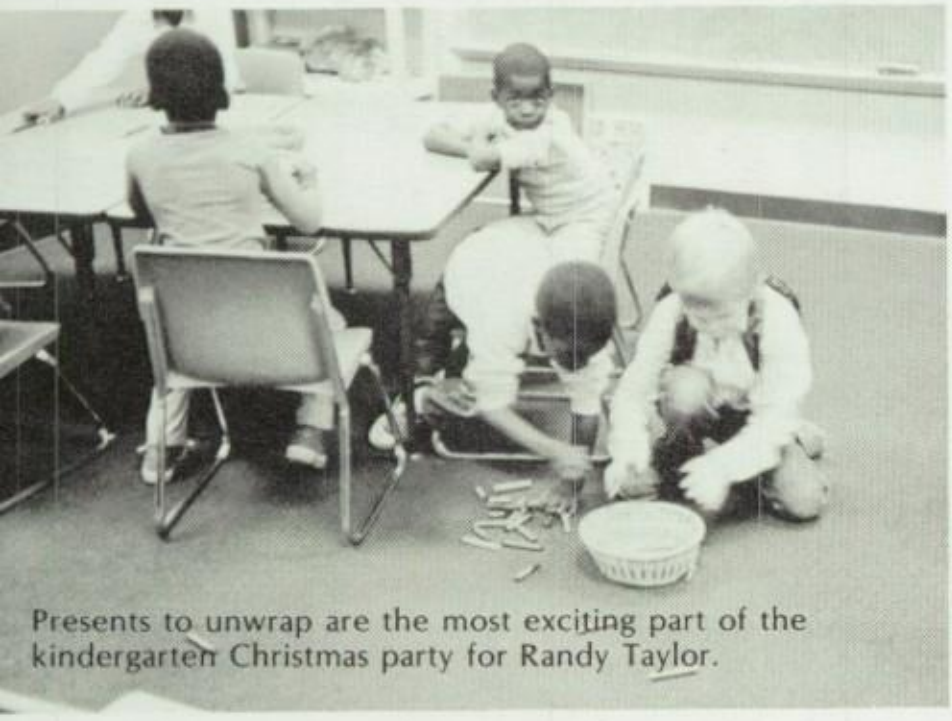


Charles Patterson
Missy Sprawls
Casey Uzzle
Jessica Wallace
Latoya Watson

Rachel Wiggins
Lindsey Woodard
NOT PICTURED:
Micah Loe
Tammy Fowler

Get Up And Go . . . . .

The Early Bird Catches The Worm.



Presents to unwrap are the most exciting part of the kindergarten Christmas party for Randy Taylor.

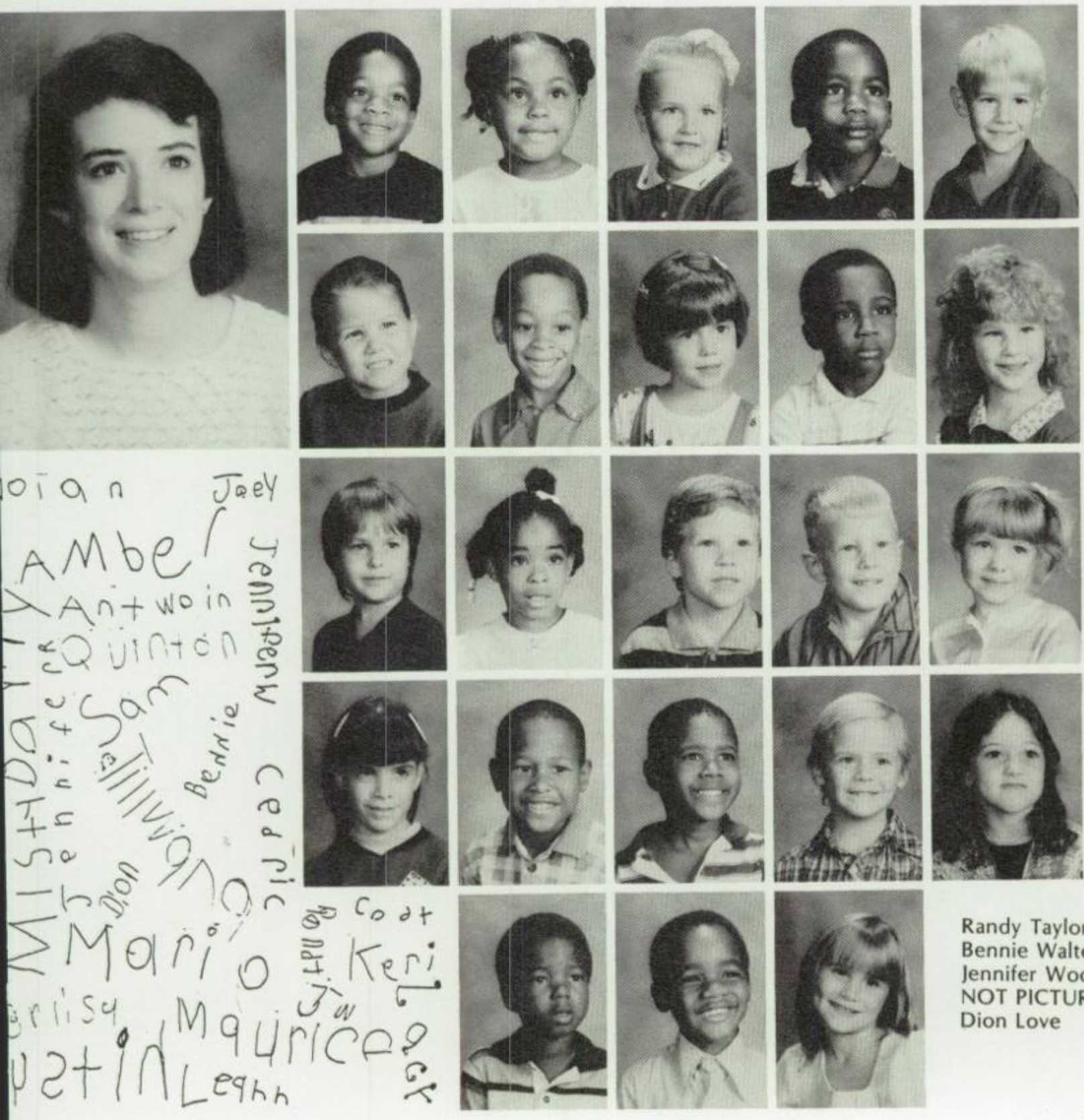
Children entering kindergarten sometimes have a hard time adapting to school. Some want to stay at home with their mothers and others only want to be able to sleep late. Jennifer Woodard said, "My mom wakes me up every morning and all I want to do is sleep. School is fun but I don't like getting up that early."

After the first few weeks the children begin to adapt. "The children adjust slowly. For the first few weeks I have to coax them into the classroom and make the feel at home. The children who have attended nursery school are not as afraid and adapt much faster," commented teacher Mrs. Brenda McCoy.

As the year progresses, the children don't want to leave. The routine becomes normal and they enjoy it. John Hendrick said "The best thing about school is playing with Legos at play time."

"I like to learn. My teacher is really nice," said Keri McLemore.

Still, there are some students who would rather stay home. Nolan Carter said, "I hate school." Let's hope that his attitude will change!



Mrs. Brenda McCoy
Mario Allums
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Misty Bates
Quinton Bradley
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Carlisa Hullaby
Cody Kinghton
Justin Lindsey
Lacy Manshack

Keri McLemore
Antwoin Moore
Maurice Nash
Joseph Ragsdale
Jennifer Raley

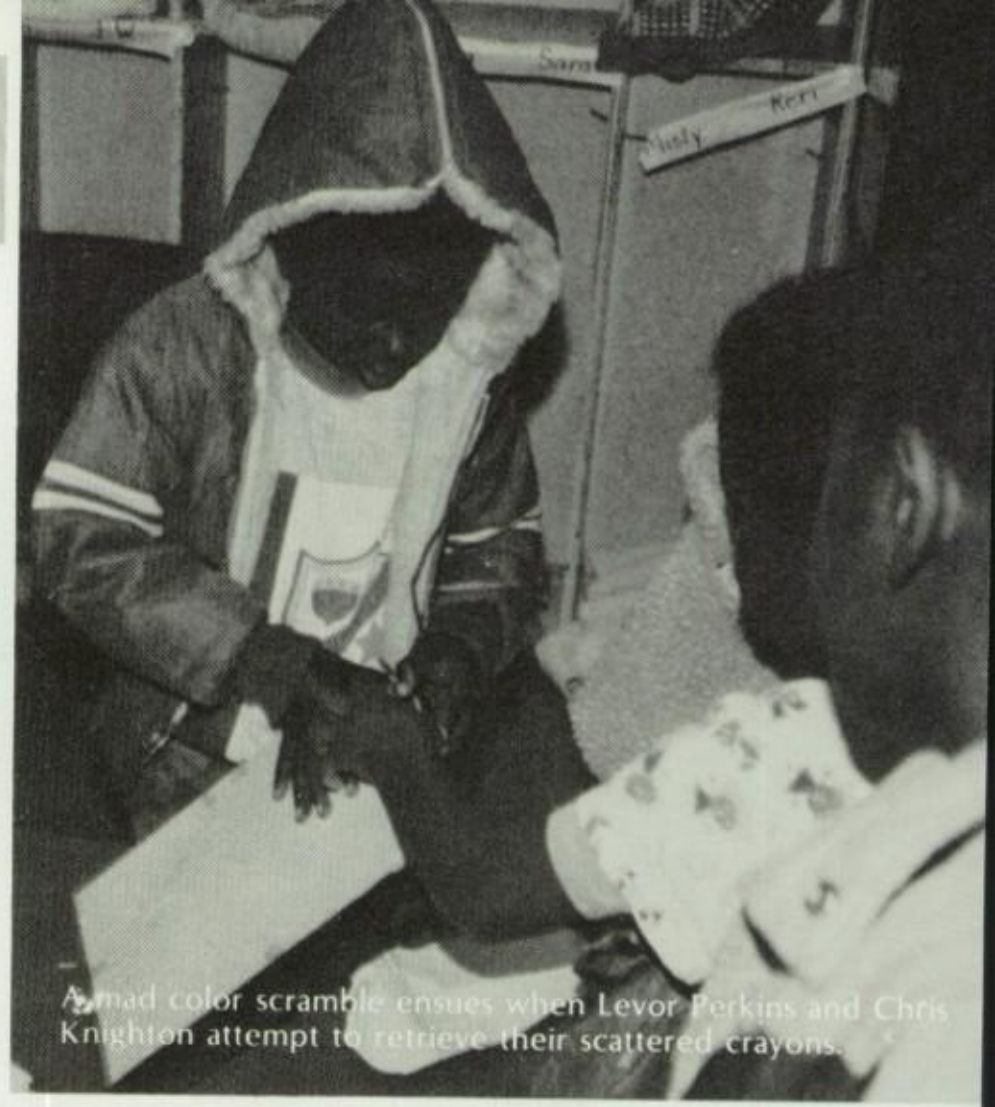
Randy Taylor
Bennie Walters
Jennifer Woodard
NOT PICTURED:
Dion Love

Rev Up The Engines . . .
And Get Ready For School.

A child's first days in school can often be very frightening, but that was definitely not the case for students in Mrs. Woodall's kindergarten class!

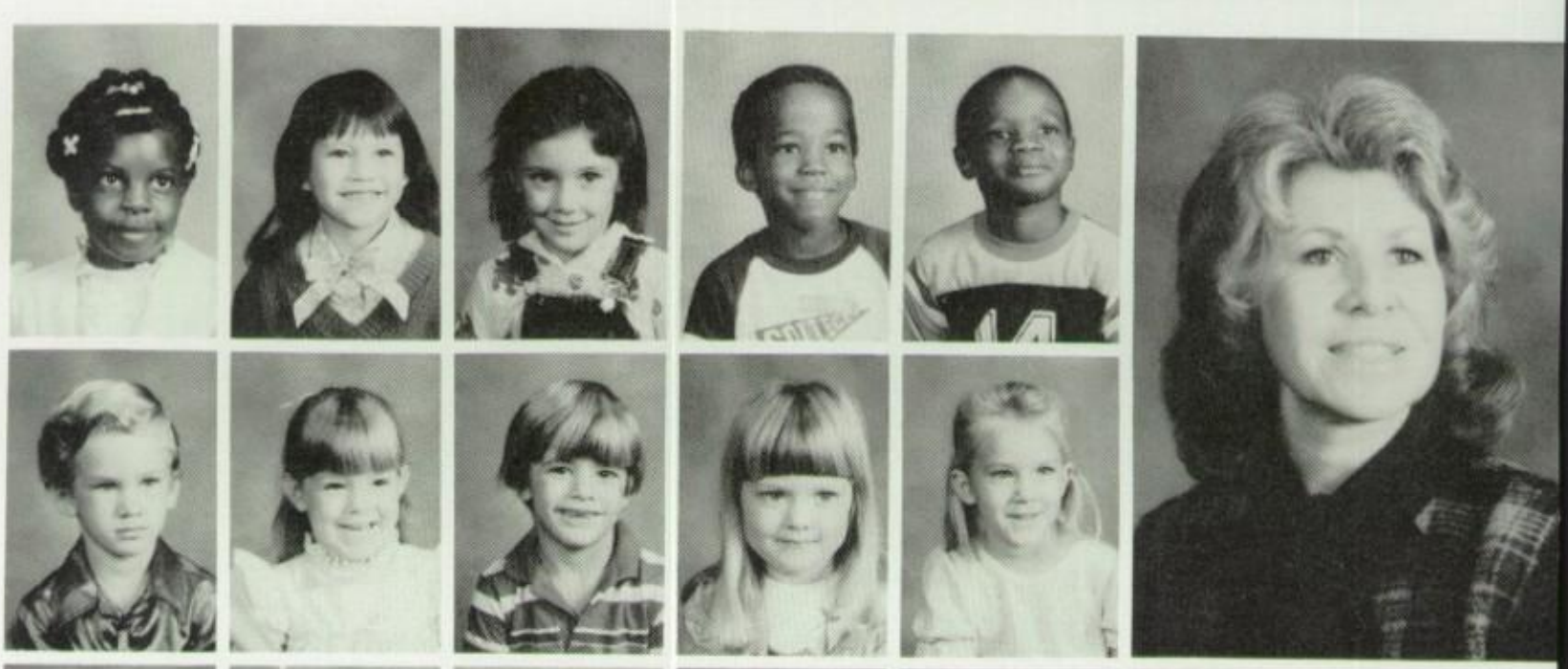
"I wasn't scared!" insisted Beverly Hicks, and Beverly wasn't the only one who voiced that feeling. Louise Day said, I was just excited about learning stuff!" and Christa Johnson stated, "I was just excited!"

In this atmosphere of confidence, the class stayed very busy learning the alphabet, numbers, colors, and most importantly, how to get along together and make friends. Melissa Clark admitted, "I was a little scared about not making friends-until I met Beverly." Now Melissa and Beverly are "best friends", as are many of their classmated; and all would agree that they are looking forward to even more exciting "stuff" next year!



A mad color scramble ensues when Levor Perkins and Chris Knighton attempt to retrieve their scattered crayons.

Chimere Garr
Melissa Clark
Holly Danzy
Daniel Davis
Michael Glover
Mrs. Anne Woodall



Kenneth Gray
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Michael Hall
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Beverly Jinks

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Louise King
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Meagan Lee
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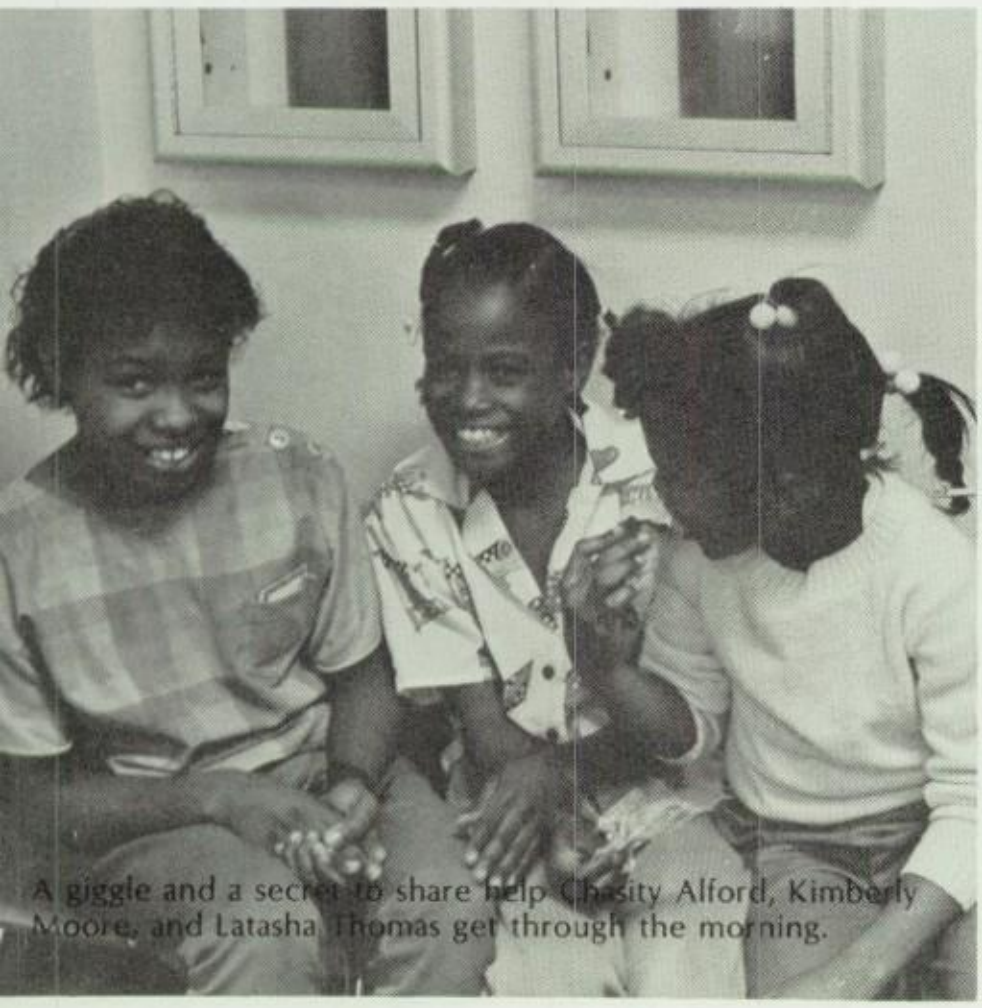
Mathew Martin

Latricia Miller
Levor Perkins
Cory Plunkett
Jillian Rhodes

Kala Smith
Leslie Thomas
Heather Woodard
Not Pictured
David Jones

JUST SNAPS

The little Pilgrims and Indians of the kindergarden class enjoy their very own Thanksgiving celebration.



A giggle and a secret to share help Chasity Alford, Kimberly Moore, and Latasha Thomas get through the morning.

No pushing, please! Jennifer Boyet, Casey Uzzle, and Rachal Wiggins wait in line to wash up before heading out to lunch.

Daniel Nelson seems to believe the commercial says, "milk does a body good!" Michael Loe, however, doesn't look convinced.

A tremendous effort, urged on by Mr. Hampton, pulls away the tug-of-war competition for his fourth grade class.

As they hold tight to their sacks, contestants in the sack-race hop their way to the finish line.

FROM ZOOLOGY TO TUG-OF-WAR

The two biggest events of the elementary school year were the Science Fair and Field Day. The Science Fair took place in early spring, but the students had a long wait for Field Day, since it's always near the very end of the school year.

There were magnets attracting, seeds germinating, and dinosaurs thundering through the multipurpose room at Ringgold Elementary this year as the 1988 Science and Social Studies Fair was opened! From Archaeology to Zoology, nearly every area of science and social studies was represented by an exhibit of some sort. The fair is an annual event at Ringgold Elementary, and winners at the school level become eligible to compete at the parish, regional, and state level.

While the big event for the end of the year in high school is graduation, for elementary students it's Field Day! The fact that students have all year to anticipate this big event adds a lot to the excitement when the day finally arrives. Field "Day" is actually two separate days, one for grades K-3, and another for 4-6. The students participated in class-against-class and individual competition in such events as jump rope, tug-o'-war, water balloons, and the lemon race, in which the students had to run a race with lemons tucked under their chins! The teachers even got involved enough to participate, and everyone had a day of fun, but many paid the cost of getting very sunburned.

1st and 2nd Grades-Individual- Amanda Plunkett-1st place (local), 3rd place (parish), and 3rd place (regional), "Seeds"; Beverly Lee- 2nd place (local), "The Sun and Its Planets"; and Brian Gomila- 3rd place (local), and 1st place (parish), "Scorpions". Group- Mrs. Hill's Homeroom- 1st place (local), and 3rd place (parish), "What Do Magnets Attract?", Mrs. Harrison's Homeroom- 2nd place (local), "The Life Cycle of a Butterfly".

3rd and 4th Grades- Individual- Kristen Tingle- 1st place (local), and 1st place (parish), "Geologic Rock Cycle"; Linda Salter- 2nd place (local), "About the Moon"; and Jonathan Wallace- 3rd place (local), "Terrible Lizards". Group- Mrs. Wilson's Homeroom- 1st place (local), "What Are Simple Machines?"; Amy Bogan, Stephanie Boyett, Langrum Mathews, and Mangrum Mathrews- 2nd place (local) "Poisonous Planets"; Mrs. Young Homeroom- 3rd place (local), "Is it a Physical or Chemical Change?".

5th Grade- Individual- Laurie Hilton- 1st place (local), "Smoking Destroys Your Lungs"; JimBob Oney- 2nd place (local), "The Breath of Life"; and Lemeka Loudd- 3rd place (local), "Solar System". Group- Tashebia Loften and Angelena Awbrey- 1st place (local), "All About Fish".

6th through 8th Grades- Behavioral Science- Thomas Pietsch-1st place (local), "Drugs: A Deadly Game"; Tamela Hardman- 2nd place (local), "Sound Helps Man"; and Tracy Rhone- 3rd place (local), "Drug Abuse". Botany- Tammy Williams- 1st place (local), 3rd place (parish), "The Growth of a Tree". Chemistry- Brandon Huckaby- 1st place (local), "Making Paper". Computer Science- Renee Miles- 1st place (parish), "Computer Science". Earth/Space- Mistie Barbo- 1st place (local), "Kinds of Clouds"; Steven Hulion- 2nd place (local), 3rd place (parish), "The Meteor Crater: How it was Formed"; and Phillip Broadway- 3rd place (local), "Erupting Volcanoes". Engineering- Tony Reliford- 1st place (local), "Battery Powered Electricity"; Jimmy Puckett- 2nd place (local), "All About Telegraphs"; and Chris Woodall- 3rd place (local), "Submerging Subs". Enbironmental Science- Phillip Taylor- 1st place (local), "What Do Lichens Tell Us About Pollution?"; Joey Lloyd- 2nd place (local), "Get a Handle on Water Pollution"; and Brook Bolin- 3rd place (local), "Effects of Pollution". Medicine/Health- Angie Thornton- 1st place (local), and 3rd place (parish), "How Exercise Affects the Heart"; Chuck Todd- 2nd place (local), "The Heart"; and Shane Waites- 3rd place (local), and 2nd place (parish), "Some Deffects of the Eye". Physics- Craig Watts- 1st place (local), 1st place (parish), and 3rd place (regional) "How Do Lasers Change Ordinary Loght To Laser Light?"; Jay Phillips- 2nd place (local), "Wind Generated Electricity"; and Jason Daur- 3rd place (local) "How to Make an Electromagnet". Zoology- Cynthia Houghton- 1st place (local), "Honeybees"; and Anthony Griffith- 2nd place (local), "What Makes a Farm?".

9th through 12th Grade- Biochemistry- Michael Gomila- 1st place (local and parish), "Genesis: The Origin of Life". Social Studies Fair- Individual- Brandee Hord- 1st place (local), "Long May They Wave"; Jennifer Kennedy- 2nd place (local), "Going For The Gold"; Stephen Bates- 3rd place (local), "The Race is On". Group- Cynthia Gildon and Angie Hart- 1st place (local), and 3rd place (regional), "Louisiana"; Tracy Mosley, Nerissa Loud and Natasha Scott- 2nd place (local), "The Dream Begins"; and Terri Ashley, Nerita Loud, and Kischa Parker- 3rd place (local), "Business".

"Long May They Wave" was the title of 5th grader Brandee Hord's first place project on the state flags.

In 5th grade competition, Tashebia Loften and Angelena Awbrey won first place in the group projects with their fish display.

To check out the competition, Mrs. Ellis' homeroom class tours the science fair exhibits of fthe other fifth grade classes.

Above left: An impressive laser project won a first place trophy in both the local and parish for 6th grader Craig Watts.
With the ball safely passed on to the stride-ball players behind him, Brian Gomila takes a stand-up break.

WHAT CAN YOU DO IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

While elementary students don't have access to clubs and sports the way high school students do, they do have a very active 4-H program, a dance line and an elementary student council.

The student council is made up of student representatives from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. The major project for this year's student council was a Christmas season food drive. Students in each grade collected donations of canned foods which the student council bagged and distributed to needy families in the community. The student council is sponsored by Mrs. Rosetta Bowden and Mr. Tom Wood. Mr. Wood commented, "This year's student council did a very good job on their food collection."

The 4-H program is offered to 4th, 5th and 6th grade students through the parish extension office and is sponsored by Mr. B. Nutt and Mrs. Karen Martin. 4-H members are eligible to show animals or craft projects at the parish fair, they participate in sewing and cooking competitions and they can take advantage of 4-H sponsored trips and other parish activities.

New to the elementary school this year is a dance-line. Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Stephanie Tingle and volunteers from the high school majorettes, the girls in the dance line learn baton and dance routines and perform under the name "Ringgold Darlings." This year the group marched in the Bienville Parish fair parade, performed at a basketball game and entertained at the Slabtown Beauty Pageant.

While not an official school activity, elementary students also have the opportunity to participate in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts-groups of which meet every week.

It's the 50's all over again as Angie Thornton models her poodle skirt and tied sweater in the 4-H sew with cotton competition.

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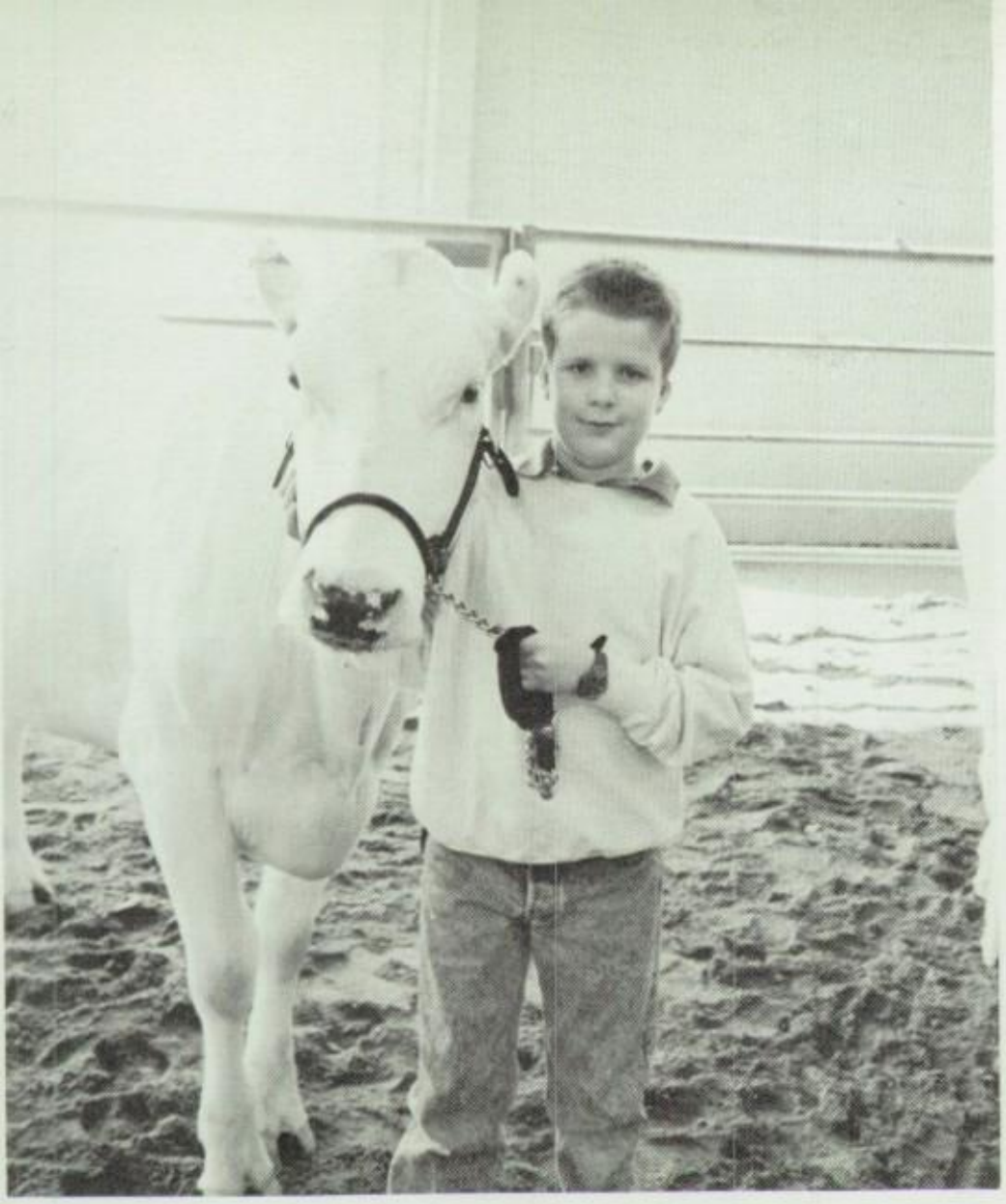
Girl Scouts

Ringgold Darlings



A prize winning bovine beauty is proudly displayed by Christopher Woodard at the parish fair.

The student council members are: Top, Jennifer Clayborn, Jamie McCoy, Tony Rambo, Phillip Broadway, Jamie Grigsby; Bottom, Derrick Shehee, Langrum Mathews, Stephen Bates, Misty McGregor, Steven Isbell, Tammy Williams.

Fifth Grade 4-H.

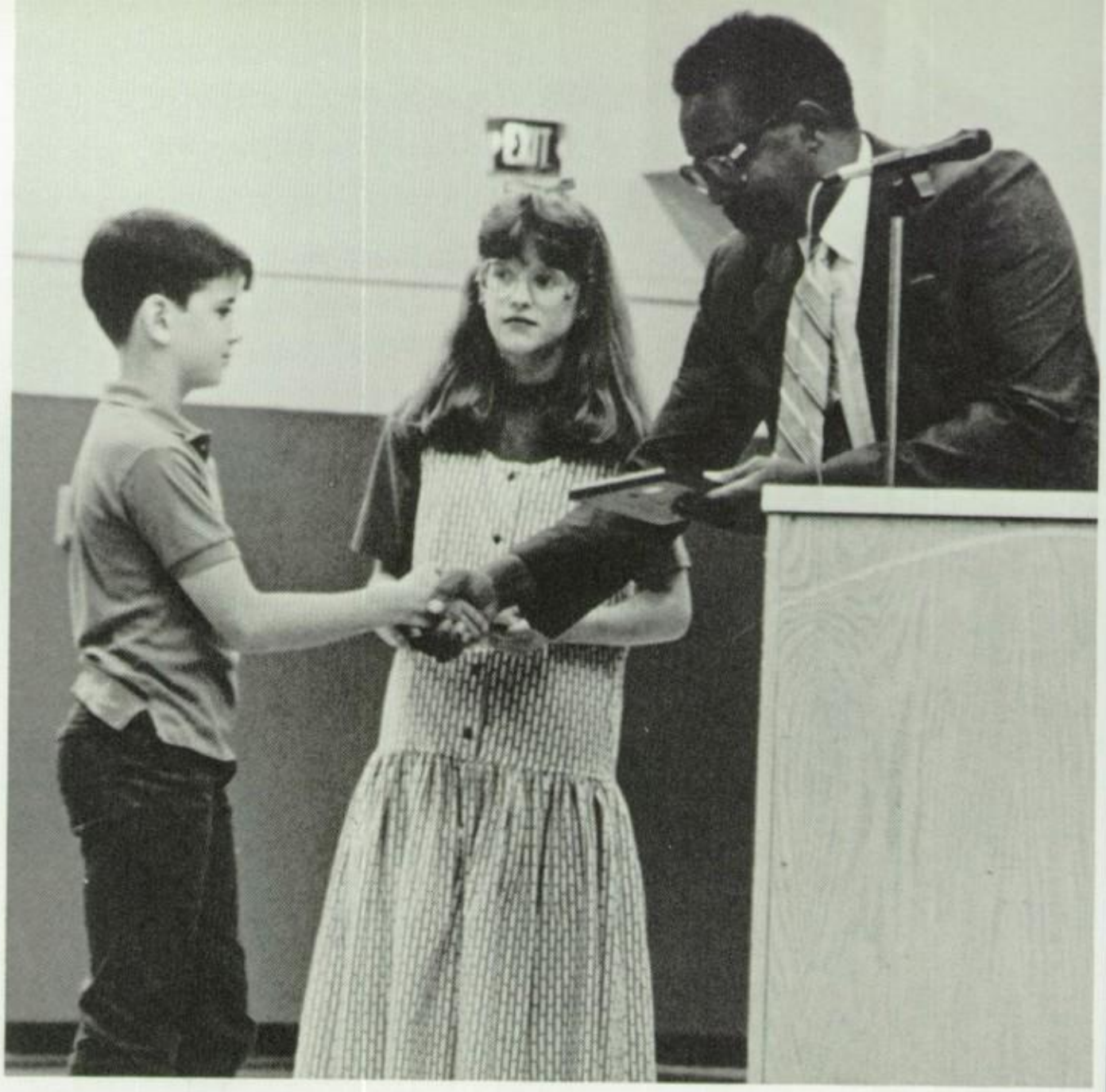
Sixth Grade 4-H.

Boy Scout Troop 112

Brownies

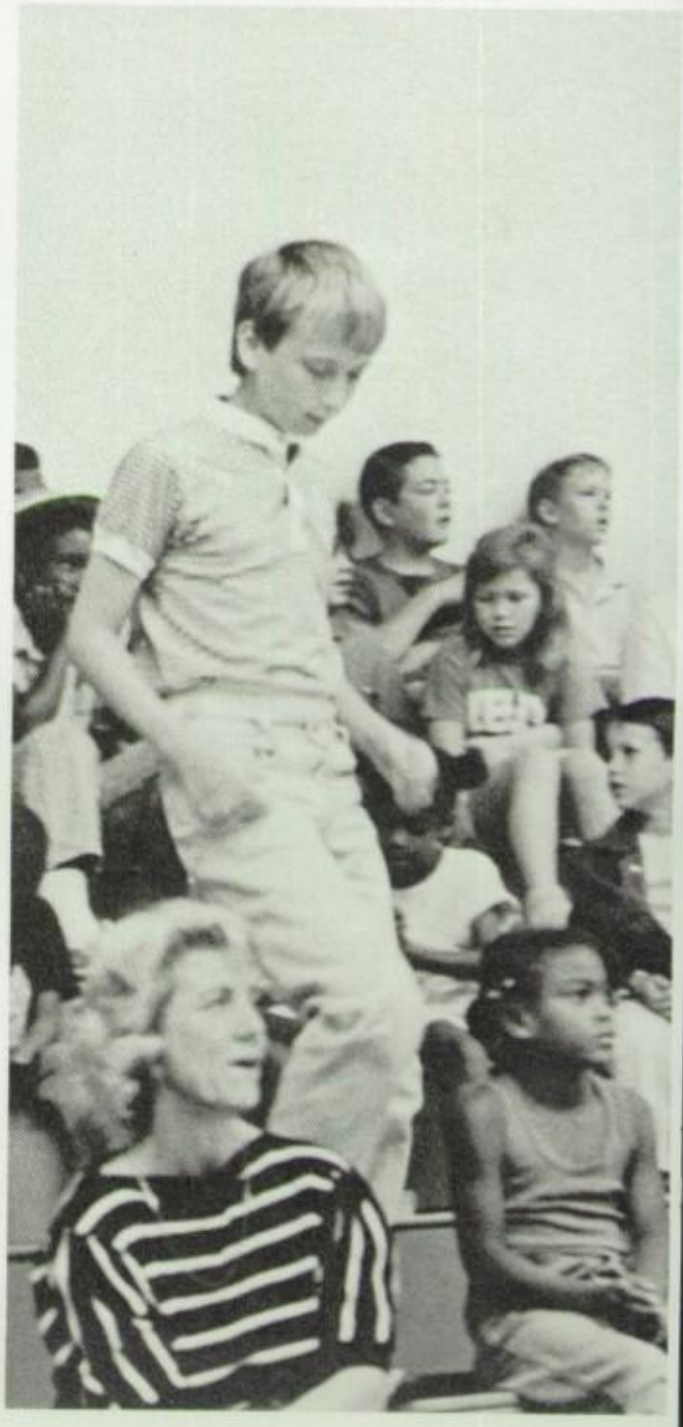
The prestigious Principal's Award is presented by Mr. Green to Shelly Boyet and Joseph Lloyd in recognition of their outstanding academic record.

Happily clutching their certificates, kindergarten students file off of the stage at the end of the program.



The awards for participation in the DAR Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution essay contest were presented by Mrs. Corry Cook.

Carefully threading his way down the bleachers, Brandon Huckaby heads down to the gym floor to get his award.



All dressed up in their Sunday best, kindergarten students deliver their lines with varying degrees of success.

HARD WORK PAYS OFF!

What do most students have to show after a year's hard work? Many Ringgold elementary students can proudly display diplomas, certificates, and awards which were presented at the kindergarten end of the year program and elementary honors day.

At the kindergarten program this year, the children sang counting songs and recited facts about the flag and our government. Each student was given a diploma and many received academic achievement certificates. After the program, the teachers, students and parents were treated to refreshments.

Students in grades 1-6 received their awards at the elementary honors day. Some of the awards included: perfect attendance, excellent and superior academics, music awards, parish library's Newberry award and the highest elementary honor, the principal's award. The principal's award is given each year to two 6th grade students, one boy and one giri, who have maintained the highest grade point average in their class from the 1st grade through the 6th. This year the principal's award was presented to Shelly Boyet and Joseph Lloyd.

Sometimes a little prompting is necessary to help students through kindergarten program practice.

Lines carefully memorized, kindergarten students line up for their turn at the mike.

Just close your eyes and pick one! Sophomore Michelle Todd gives her classmate Dena Chandler some advice on shoe selection at the local Economy store.

The proud recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship Award, Senior Brad Sams accepts his medal from Mrs. Cory Cook, DAR Representative.

It would be a strange crew, indeed, to respond to a fire alarm if the siren were to go off during the Ringgold Fair Parade!

Loaded and rolling, the Women's Club Wagon float takes to the road for the Ringgold Fair parade.

Community

Remembering The Good Old Days

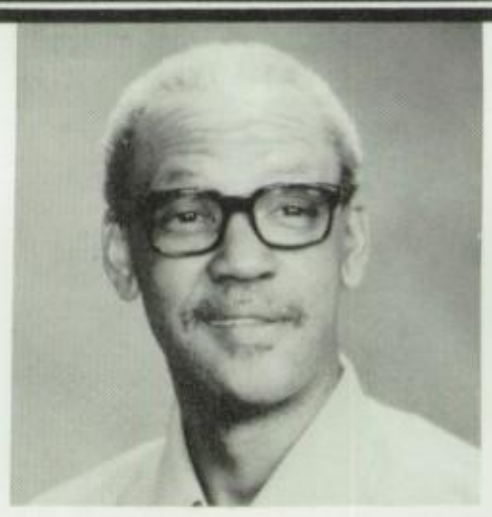
Twenty years from now when the seniors of '88 come back for their twenty-year reunion what will they be talking about? Maybe about how they enjoyed learning advanced math or how biology helped them through the last twenty years, or even about how they enjoyed studying MacBeth in English IV? Come on, get for real! Do you really think they will be talking about classes they had?

When students were surveyed about things they would remember, the following led the list:

1. Skipping school to get a quick snack at Clayborn's Grocery.
2. Quick before-school breakfasts at Simmons.
3. Meeting friends for potato logs after school at the Ice House.
4. Ordering corsages at Archway Flower Shop.
5. Shopping for a hot outfit at Texas' Hang- Ups.
6. Meeting friends on the weekend in the post office parking lot.
7. Buying Caladryl at Scott's Pharmacy for sunburns.
8. Winning money at Dixie Dancy.
9. Opening their first bank account at the Bank of Ringgold.
10. Getting to drive the car for the first time to Dixie Dandy or Bestway and not coming straight home afterwards.

As you can see most of the things listed involve the community in some way. The local community has helped to make lasting memories for all RHS students and the class of '88 will have more than their share!

In Loving Memory



The Ringgold school and community marked the end of the year with a sad goodbye to three former teachers. These three teachers spent a total of 40 years unselfishly giving of themselves to make life at our school more instructive and enjoyable. They will be sorely missed.

"Music, the greatest good that mortals know, and all of heaven we have below." -Addison

Mrs. Margie Martin devoted 20 years (1961-81) to encouraging her students to know, appreciated and produce that "greatest good", music. She directed the RHS band and choir and worked individually with vocal and instrumental music students throughout her "official" career and for several years beyond her retirement. From 1961 until the 1986-87 school year, no student attended the District music rally without Mrs. Margie's help and support and no senior marched proudly in the graduation procession without her accompaniment. After a sudden illness, Mrs. Martin passed away December, 1987.

Mr. Scot Butler had a long career in music before he come to RHS in Jan. of 1986 to take over the music program. A New Orleans native, he had performed with the best jazz and rock artists and had already retired from a distinguished teaching career. In the short time he was with us he endeared himself to students and faculty alike. Illness forced him to leave us in May of 1987. In December, Mr. Butler lost his battle with that illness.

"A man who qualifies himself well for his calling never fails of employment." - T. Jefferson

From 1967-86 Mrs. Sible Short taught typing, clerical practice, office machines and shorthand to hundreds of RHS students who hoped to pursue careers in the business world. As sponsor of the Future Business Leaders of America, Mrs. Short helped to give students a solid grounding in business procedures and skills. She tirelessly chaperoned FBLA members on trips to rallies and conventions. Hundreds of students will carry her advice and encouragement with them throughout their careers and in their personal lives. They will consider themselves richer for having had her as a teacher. Mrs. Short departed this life April, 1988.

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Class Song
"It's My Turn"

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Many teachers at Ringgold High School refuse to sponsor after school activities. Most activities require lots of time and effort by the students and teachers. Time some students and teachers are unwilling to give up.

"I'm not wasting all my time and energy on people who don't care and are not devoted enough to their obligations." said Mrs. Hamilton even though she sponsors FBLA.

"Sponsoring extra curricular activities requires lots of time and patience but gives me an opportunity to develop a great relationship with the student body." said Mrs. Robertson.

The few teachers that are willing to give up their time are very respected at Ringgold but are sometimes HARD TO FIND!!

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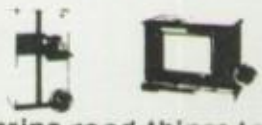

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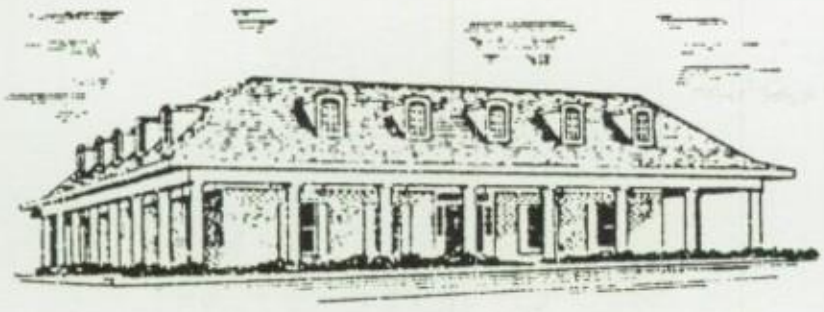

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The bottom section displays ad's for products such as Scope, potato chips, Sprite, nail polish and Pert shampoo, all Proctor and Gamble products. When asked what Coach Pate thought about the boards, he replied, ''It would be a great idea, if it held school information. Then the students wouldn't have to hang things on the walls.''

While the boards are a good idea, do they really get the attention they deserve? Many students didn't know what the boards were, or what they were for. Senior Margaret Lloyd said, ''No one really has time to read them.'' Other students say that they see the same ad's all the time, and it's really a waste of time to read them again. Despite the boards unpopularity, some students think the boards are a good idea. Robert Hays stated, ''The top section has some good ideas, and it gives some life to the bare walls.''

There are 4 boards scattered about the school, each sponsored by the Proctor and Gamble Co. The company sends new posters to put in the boards, along with a small payment. When informed of this, Reba Tipton stated, ''What a great idea, they're paying us to hang something on our walls!!''

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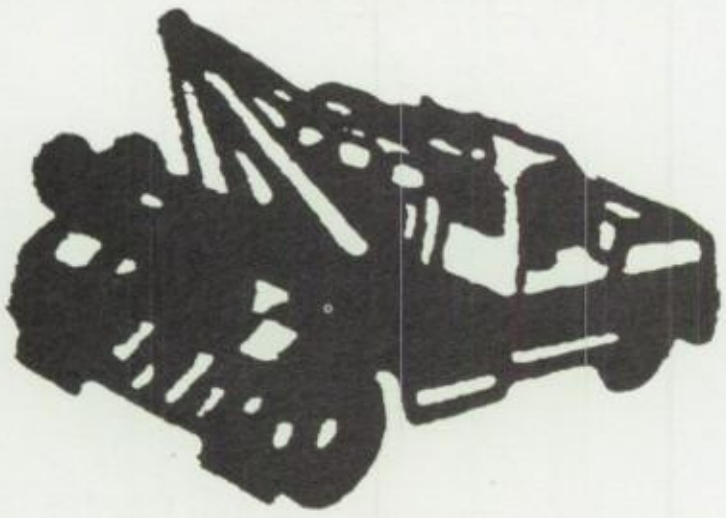

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MULTISYLLABYLLIC: A person frequently accused of using long, hard-to-pronounce words in everyday language.

FLOPCORN: The leftover, unpopped kernels in the bottom of a bucket of popcorn.

GREENIES: Those tiny, green, mutant chips in a bag of potato chips.

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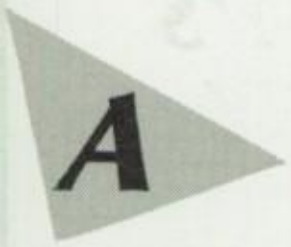

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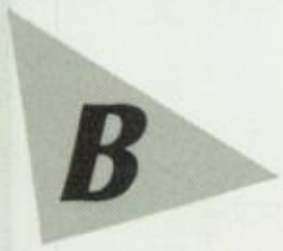

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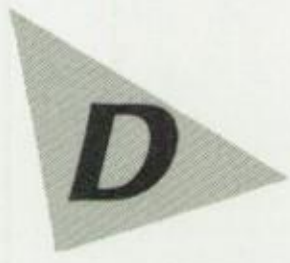

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Nostalgia

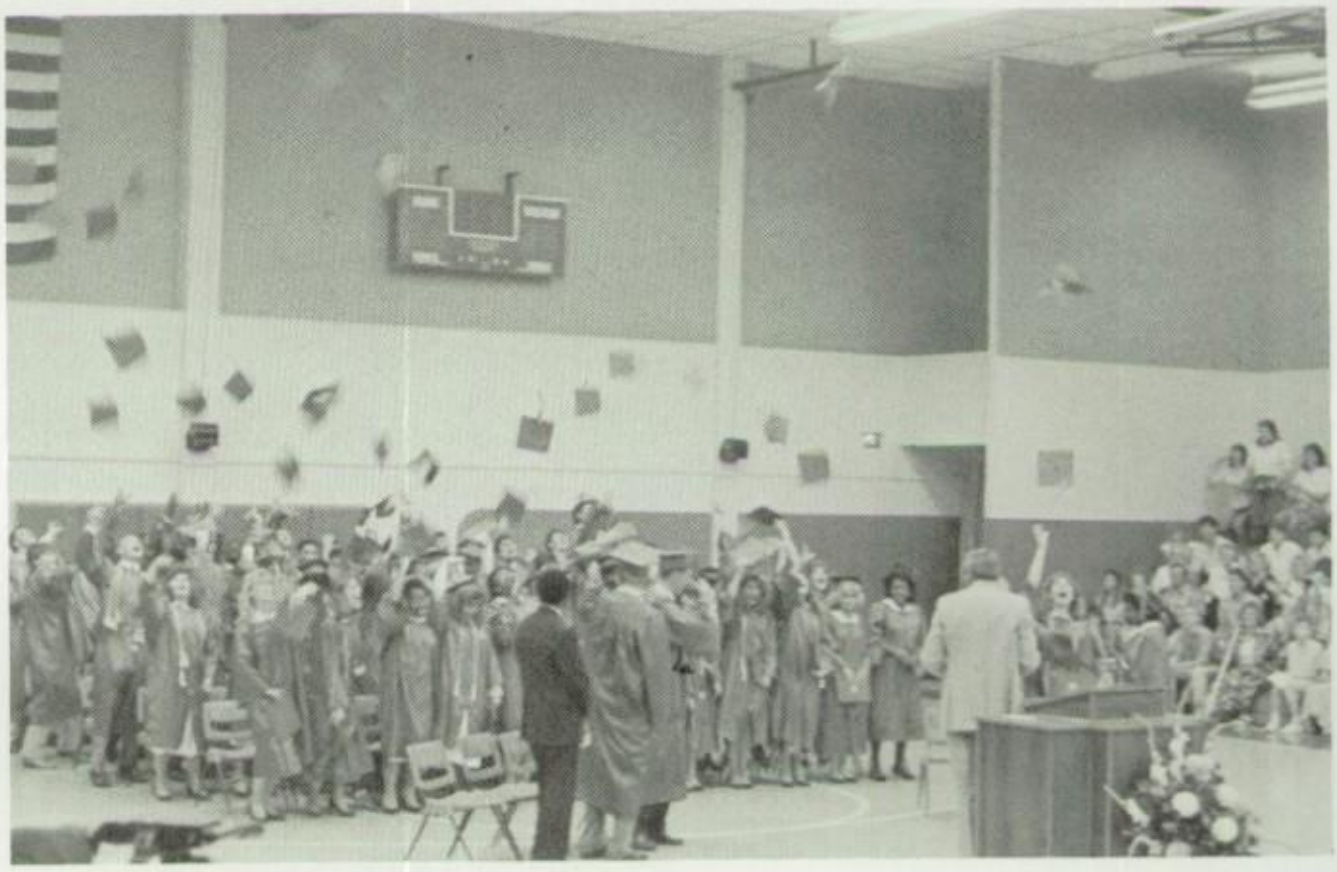
Happiness . . . Sadness . . . Laughter . . . Tears . . . Pressure . . . Expectations . . . Will I finish . . . *Can* I finish . . . What will I do when I finish!

There isn't a senior or a yearbook staff member that hasn't gone through this spectrum of emotions this year. We have streaks of good luck and streaks of bad luck. We have all dealt with praise (maybe not enough) and criticism. Thoughout it all, we are molded into stronger, more mature young people.

Would we change what we have done? Maybe. We could correct some of our mistakes but would probably make that many more. So, it is good that we can not go back in time. Enjoy the good that is here and try to overlook the bad. We are still contemplating what to do if we ever finish!

Wishing you a happy STREAK!

The Staff



Showing their happy streak, Seniors of '88 toss their hats in the air as Mr. Haynie pronounces them graduates of Ringgold High School. Fortunately, the Friday the thirteenth date of graduation did not produce an unlucky streak!

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